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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

Kentucky Will Back Smith

Kentucky Democrats Thursday night went on record as favoring the nomination of Governor Smith of New York for president by deciding to cast their 26 votes for him at the national convention.

State Convention Causes No Bitterness

That the disorder and the outcome of the voting at the North Carolina state convention had no effect on the Democratic party harmony and good will, was the opinion of party leaders the day following the convention.

Senator Simmons, leader of the successful delegation elected, declared that "I don't think anything occurred in the convention that should cause discord in the party."

Senator Overman said that he noticed no show of bitterness.

J. Crawford Biggs, Raleigh, said, "There is no resulting bitterness and the prospects for a great Democratic victory this fall are bright."

Third Party Will Depend on What Houston Does

Kansas City, June 19.—Third party prospects depend on results at Houston. It isn't so much a question of a candidate as of a platform. The Republican progressive wing is emphatically dissatisfied with what it got at Kansas City.

Senator George Norris of Nebraska undoubtedly will be the malcontent's choice for first place if an independent ticket is nominated. The most frequent suggestion for the vice presidency is a Democrat, "of the type of Representative Huddleston of Alabama"—a bid, of course, for southern support, and incidentally the first time I've heard of the cotton state congressman's name mentioned in connection with a national ticket. But naturally this talk will drop if the Democrats offer a program the progressives like the look of.

Out here in the west I can begin to see why Senator Jim Reed has kept up his fight in the face of what looked in the east like an overwhelming trend in Al Smith's direction.

Reed unmistakably is the popular candidate in this section, not only among Democrats, but of a great many Republicans, and in case the south combines on him he may yet have the Smith folks guessing. I thought in Washington that it was all over but the pro-Smith shouting. Since hearing here I'm not so sure of it. Reed never in a safe place to consider likely until you see his prospects.

The progressives seem a little apprehensive concerning him. They're very strong in many places, but their position is not so solid. Still he is for the most part, regarded as a different type of party, representing instead of machine adventures, and on a restricted basis, Jim himself, speaks

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News of Week in and About Blowing Rock

Crance Greene of Cranberry, Wins Over Dud Vance in Fiddling Contest; Event Was Success From Financial Standpoint

Blowing Rock, June 21.—Blowing Rock's greatest fiddling convention came to an end Saturday night with Clarence Greene of Cranberry, Tenn., declared the winner over Fiddlin' Dud Vance of Bluff City, Tenn., whom some consider the greatest fiddler in the south. Third place was awarded to Jack Price of Bristol.

The convention drew such crowds that the school auditorium was not able to accommodate the people. Simultaneous performances were given in the school and in the Carolina theater, with both houses packed to capacity. The performers went from one place to the other between their acts. The final total of the proceeds had not been computed early this week, but it is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$300. The musicians who took part will receive a percentage of this, and the Band will get the remainder.

In the string band contest, first place went to the Cook Sisters of Rutherford. They won over the famous Tennessee Ramblers, radio entertainers and Victor Record artists of Bristol, who received second prize. The Greene band of Boone won third place.

Mr. Calloway of Lenoir won the guitar prize.

In the Charleston contest, Miss Shiraz of Lincoln won first place but was closely pressed by Miss Virginia Sudderth of Blowing Rock, who was awarded second prize. The best man dancer was A. R. Greene of Shulls Mills.

The other bands which took part in the convention were the Mooresville band, the Ward band, the West Virginia band, Cook's band and the Bristol band.

The Blowing Rock Band is now planning to have a musical week in August—not a contest, but merely a week of entertainment by the foremost musicians of this part of the state and of neighboring states. S. L. Cannon, president of the band, said this is not to be taken as a definite announcement, but merely a plan that may materialize or may not.

The section of Wonderland Drive leading from Green Park hotel to Five Points, the summer home of Mr. Matthews, is to be widened and graded as soon as the weather will permit the work. The road will be widened to twenty-four feet throughout this section. It leads along the brow of Greene's hill and provides some of the best views in the resort. A branch of it leads to the top of the hill, a favorite picnic ground. This branch road, however, will not be graded unless the town gets cooperation from former Governor Cameron Morrison, who owns nearly all of the land through which it passes.

Two political races in Blowing Rock recently have been arranged. The first is between Mr. and Mrs. E. D. and Thelma Edwards, owners of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gardner, Board

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HERBERT HOOVER

REUNION AT HISTORIC OLD THREE FORKS JUNE 30-JULY 1

Three Forks Baptist church, oldest church west of the Blue Ridge, will be host to all the Baptist churches in this county and to those in parts of Wilkes and Ashe county at a church reunion to be held on Saturday, June 30, and Sunday, July 1.

Saturday afternoon the address of welcome will be delivered by Rev. F. C. Watts, pastor of the church, and then the older members of the congregation will engage in a general discussion of old times in the mountains. The sermon Saturday night will be preached by Elder Rev. Isaac Miller of Rev. Ed. Greene.

Sunday morning, after a sermon by the county's oldest minister, Rev. Wellington Swift, an address by Smith Buchanan, moderator of the Three Forks association, will precede the subject, "Hallelujah to the Holy Spirit Churches of Watauga County."

A music dinner will be given on the grounds Sunday at 12:30.

Following is the program of the two-day reunion as has been arranged by the program committee, consisting of W. R. Lovill, Ed. Greene and R. E. C. Watts.

Saturday
7:00 p. m.—Welcome address by Rev. F. C. Watts.
8:00 p. m.—Musical by old people.
9:00 p. m.—Address by Rev. Isaac Miller of Rev. Ed. Greene.
Sunday
10:00 a. m.—Song service.
10:30 a. m.—Sunday school address by Rev. F. C. Watts.
11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. Wellington Swift.
12:00 p. m.—Dinner.
2:30 p. m.—Address by Rev. Smith Buchanan, subject, History of the Baptist Churches of Watauga County.
3:30 p. m.—Address by

COUNTY BASEBALL LEAGUE

Lovers of the national pastime in Watauga county met here last Thursday night and organized a four club baseball league. The circuit is composed of the following teams: Mabel, John Combs, manager; Bamboo, Fens Elrod, manager; Cove Creek, Coy Bligham, manager; and Boone, with A. E. Hamby as the pilot. Mr. Ira Ayres, local electrician, was elected president of the league, and a schedule of games is now being perfected.

The first series of games between the clubs was played last Saturday with the following results: Mabel 18, 6.

The clubs composing the league have played a number of games this summer and fans who journey to the various diamonds are promised interesting exhibitions.

Standing of the Clubs	W.	L.	Pct.
Mabel	1	0	1000
Bamboo	1	0	1000
Cove Creek	0	1	.000
Boone	0	1	.000

Games for Saturday, June 23
Boone at Bamboo.
Cove Creek at Mabel.

W. R. LOVILL IS EIGHTH DISTRICT ELECTOR

Presidential electors elected at the Democratic state convention last Tuesday are as follows:

At large: Terry A. Lyon, Cumberland, and Cyrus R. Hoyle, Cleveland.

First district: Stanley Winbourne, Hartford.

Second district: Sumter Burgwyn, Northampton.

Third district: George Ward, Danlin.

Fourth district: T. T. Thorne, Naam.

Fifth district: Basil M. Watkins, Durham.

Sixth district: E. K. Poyan, New Hanover.

Seventh district: T. C. Dudley, Lenoir.

Eighth district: W. R. Lovill, Watauga.

Ninth district: Wm. H. Wood, Mecklenburg.

Tenth district: Baby B. Reynolds, Edgecombe.

COVE CREEK NEWS NOTES

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Centennial Campaign Meeting at Cove Creek

Dr. J. A. Campbell of Campbell College Pleads for Adequate Support of Christian Colleges in State; More Churches Raise Quotas

Dr. J. A. Campbell, president of Campbell College, and also president of the board of trustees of Wake Forest College, delivered one of the strongest addresses of the centennial campaign at the Cove Creek Baptist church last Thursday night. Dr. Campbell urged upon his hearers the importance of Christian education and the support of Christian institutions. He stated that one of the greatest things men can do is the establishment and support of such institutions. One of the greatest needs of the world today, he said, is a thoroughly trained ministry, and this is possible to the greatest extent only in the denominational school. He emphasized his belief in the Baptist doctrine and in the independence of the Baptist people. No state institution can fill the need that the Christian college occupies in the training for Christian leadership. There is more in an education than mere books, there must be a moral and religious atmosphere. The spirit of an institution is reflected by its officers and teachers will weigh heavily in the formation of true Christian character.

To illustrate the type of school supported by the Baptists of North Carolina, Dr. Campbell used his own school, Campbell College, as an example. He stated that the college is a thoroughly Christian institution and the Christian college is the only type of school that can give a thorough education. He stated that he began teaching there in 1888 in a small house, 10 miles from a railroad. He has seen it grow to a \$1,000,000 plant with all modern equipment. Hundreds of young men and young women have come out from this institution better prepared to live lives of usefulness than of the kind of training given here.

Dr. Campbell closed his address by urging the representatives of the Three Forks Association present to get forth from now on every day to insure the quota allotted to them being raised before the campaign closes.

At the meeting, Thursday night, Chairman J. G. Greer asked for reports from the several group chairmen. These reports showed that several churches had already raised their quota and other churches were reported to be doing so. Speakers were also announced for different churches next Sunday.

JESSE JAMES CAUGHT!

Blacksburg, Va., June 19.—A messenger of the Sheriff of West Virginia, Jesse James, was captured here at a private party, after having been on the loose for several months.

FIRST HAIR CUT AT 21

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G. O. P. National Platform

The text of the Republican platform as adopted at the Kansas City convention follows:

The Republican party in national convention assembled presents to the people of the nation this platform of its principles, based on a record of its accomplishments, and asks that a new wave of confidence be sent forth by the people of the United States and the principles and institutions of the American system of representative government.

The National Administration

We endorse without qualification the record of the Coolidge administration.

The record of the Republican party is a record of advancement of the nation. Numerous of Republican national conventions have for 52 of the 72 years since the creation of our party been the chief executive of the United States.

Under Republican inspiration and largely under Republican executive direction the continent has been bound with steel rails, the oceans and great rivers have been joined by canals, waterways have been deepened and widened for ocean commerce and with all a high American standard of wage and living has been established.

By unwavering adherence to sound principles through the wisdom of Republican policies and the capacity of Republican administrations, the foundations have been laid and the greatness and prosperity of the country firmly established.

Never has the soundness of Republican policies been more amply demonstrated and the Republican

HOOVER, CURTIS GOP CANDIDATES

Opposition to Commerce Secretary Vanished and He Was Nominated On First Ballot; Lowden Withdrew at Last Moment

Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce in the Coolidge cabinet, and Senator Charles R. Curtis of Kansas were nominated for president and vice president, respectively, at the Republican national convention in Kansas City last week. A single roll call in the convention told with impressive finality the story of Hoover's overwhelming victory against a united field of rivals.

A foregone conclusion ever since the convention met, his nomination became a reality long before the roll of the states was completed. The final count disclosed the allied candidates against him in complete rout.

Lowden, of Illinois, his nearest competitor in delegate strength, withdrew at the last minute, saying he would not care to be a candidate on the farm relief plank adopted by the convention.

The national convention began balloting for the nomination for the presidency Thursday night at 10:45, with six names before it, those of Hoover, Coolidge, Watson, Goff and Norris.

The North Carolina roll was sufficient to nominate Hoover. The official vote was as follows: Hoover, 874; Curtis, 64; Watson, 47; Davies, 1; Goff, 17; Norris, 24; Goff, 18; Lowden, 74; Hughes, 1; not voting, 5. The number necessary for a nomination, considering the absences, was 744.

Chairman Greer then declared Hoover the Republican nominee for president, and the convention adjourned with a final prayer, at which Senator Curtis was nominated for vice president. Representative Tamm of Connecticut, and Governor Fallow of Massachusetts, had been placed in nomination but Curtis pulled them out of the 10:00 vote in the convention, and the next morning, Friday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock.

LANGSTON WILL NOT ENTER SECOND RACE

"There will be no second primary for the incumbent 'old manship,'" declared John D. Langston, superintendent of the recent state Democratic primary, said in Raleigh Thursday, and Richard T. Buntin, of Escomb, speaker of the 1927 lower house, got the confidence when the state board of elections met Thursday.

FOUR DIE IN ELECTRIC SHOCKS OF WISCONSIN

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Democratic State Platform

The platform adopted by the Democratic state convention at Raleigh on June 12, follows:

The Democratic party of North Carolina, in convention assembled, reaffirms its devotion to the time-honored principles of our party and calls upon the people to renew their devotion to the institutions of our country and the constitution of our state and nation, and recognizing the right of the people in an orderly way to amend the constitution of the United States at their pleasure, we

reaffirm that our party stands firmly for the enforcement of every provision of the constitution of the United States, including the 18th amendment and point with pride to the fact that the Democratic general assembly of North Carolina enacted concurrent enforcement of the 18th amendment of the constitution of the United States. We pledge the Democratic party to the enactment of such additional legislation as may be necessary for the better enforcement of the 18th amendment and other laws against the sale of alcoholic liquors in the state.

We denounce the Republican party for its failure to sincerely enforce the 18th amendment to the constitution of the United States, and call the country's attention to the fact that the present Republican administration took away the duty of enforcing the prohibition law from the department of justice where it properly belongs and placed it under the treasury department, presided over by the leader of the corrupt Republican party in Pennsylvania, and

caused the forces provided by congress at a cost of millions of dollars for the benefit of a government, into a mere political organization of the Republican party, instead of a noble force honestly endeavoring to perform their duty.

Republican Corruption Denounced

We denounce the Republican party in the United States for its widespread corruption in the administration of the national government, and in the election of senators and members of the house of representatives of the United States. We denounce their looting of public property of the United States and we view with even greater alarm the restriction of the vital functions of the government for mercenary purposes. It is established that the Republican party not only sold the oil properties of the United States, but that they have sold legislation and the control of administrative boards, set up to serve the people and necessary to the administration of the government, to selfish groups, for campaign funds with which to perpetuate its powers in this republic.

We denounce the Republican party for not having brought to justice and punishment those who corrupted high officials of the administration, and in contrast we point with pride to the administration of our country's affairs under Woodrow Wilson, and rejoice in the fact that the utmost scrutiny and investigation by the Republican party absolutely failed to disclose the slightest corruption or graft during the diffi-

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