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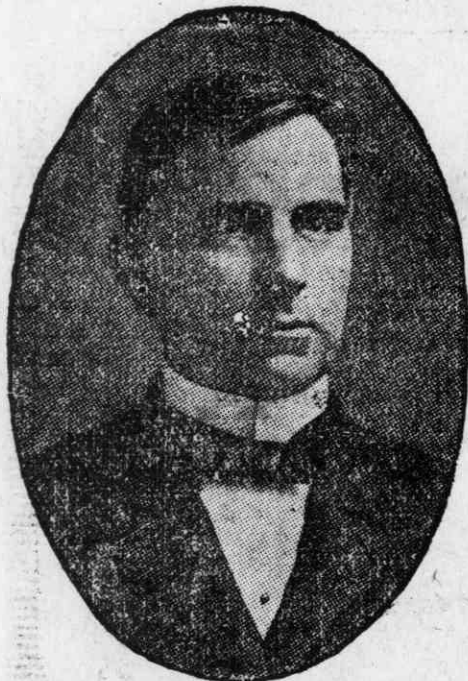
ENTHUSIASM UNBOUNDED

End of Long Fight Came Saturday Afternoon on the Sixth-First Ballot—Contest the Hardest Fought and Most Bitterly Waged Ever Recorded in the Political Annals of North Carolina—End in Sight After the Sixtieth Ballot When Col. Ashley Horne Appears on Rostrom and Withdraws From the Race Love Feast Follows Final Ballot Speeches Being Made by Ex-Governor Aycock, Mr. Cameron Morrison, Mr. Kitchin, and Mr. Craig—Nomination Made Unanimous—Mr. Craig's Feeling Address a Splendid One.

Charlotte, Special.—Mr. William Walton Kitchin, now representing the fifth district in Congress, was on Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock, nominated for Governor on the sixty-first ballot by the State Democratic convention in session here. Col. Ashley Horne who had the smallest primary vote of any of the three candidates in the race, withdrew after the sixtieth ballot and the fight was closed by Mr. Locke Craig, of Asheville, and Mr. Kitchin, the result of the last ballot being 473.59 for Kitchin and 381.72 for Craig. After the contest was over a love feast, in which the friends of the candidates took part, followed. Among others who spoke were: Former Governor Aycock, who supported Mr. Craig; Mr. Kitchin and Mr. Craig.

The closing scenes of the great contest, which had continued for four days, were most animated. More than 8,000 people, men and women, filled the Auditorium. Demonstration after demonstration was made, so much so that the chairman had a task to preserve order.

The victory won by Mr. Kitchin is ranked as one of the greatest in the history of the State. He was opposed by Senator Simmons, the recognized leader of the North Carolina Democracy; former Governor Aycock, and other well-known Tar Heel leaders. He made a fight on the Southern Railway and the American Tobacco Company, which concerns the



HON. LOCKE CRAIG, of Buncombe

said were opposing him. He came to the convention with approximately 374 votes. Craig had 335 and Horne 143. The first ballot came at 12 o'clock Wednesday night. From that time until the hour of the nomination the contest was spirited and at times bitter. The delegates were noisy and enthusiastic all the while. Craig was supported by the mountain counties of western North Carolina. His mountaineers were loyal to the last and went down after a game fight. Kitchin had not only a plurality of instructed vote, but he could count more delegates in a final show-down. He and his friends believed that he would be nominated on the third or fourth ballot, but a master hand was against him, and as a result, the battle was prolonged and royal.

William Watson Kitchin. William Watson Kitchin, of Roxboro, Person county, was born near Scotland Neck, Halifax county, October 9th, 1866. He was educated at Vine Hill Academy and Wake Forest College, where he graduated in 1884. He edited The Scotland Neck Democrat in 1885. Shortly afterward he took up the study of law, first under his father, the late W. H. Kitchin, and then under the late John S. Manning, at the University of North Carolina. He was admitted to the bar in 1887, and took up his residence

in Roxboro in 1888. He was married to Miss Musette Satterfield in 1892. Mr. Kitchin was chairman of his county executive committee in 1890; was the nominee of his party for the State Senate in 1892; was elected sixth, 9th and 10th Congresses successively to the Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth, Fifty-seventh, Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Congress, and was re-elected to the Sixtieth Congress, receiving 16,503 votes to 11,039 for C. A. Reynolds, Republican nominee.

The Break Begins.
The sixty-first ballot told the story. Craig was pitted against Kitchin. After the announcement of the sixtieth ballot, Col. Ashley Horne came into the hall and withdrew from the race. He mounted the rostrum, accompanied by Messrs. C. B. Watson, T. W. Bickett, J. D. Bellamy, R. R. King, W. A. Erwin, Walter, Joe Taylor and P. B. Means, and made a very touching speech.

He thanked the friends who had stood by him so loyally, counseled

the choice of the people of North Carolina." (Cheers.) "And as that I esteem it highly. When I reflect that my competitors were, one of them a distinguished, a successful, a splendid and high type of North Carolina citizenship, the Hon. Ashley Horne, and the other, an able, distinguished, eloquent and great Democrat of the west, the Hon. Locke Craig, I cannot think that this honor was given me as a mere personal compliment. We have had our fights within the party with a spirit not of enmity and hostility, but with the spirit of generous rivalry with each other for this great honor that you had in your power to bestow.

All Rivalries Settled.

"We are told, ladies and gentlemen, that between Athens and Sparta there always existed a serious and sometimes a hostile rivalry, but that when a common enemy pointed the paws of its ships toward Greece all internal differences and rivalries were forgotten and a united Greek army faced the enemy." (Applause.)

"And so this convention has settled the rivalries between the candidates and I believe that each candidate has as high a regard for his competitors now as he had 12 or 18 months ago, and the supporters of each candidate have the same spirit of generosity now that they had prior to this campaign. And in the great fight that we are to make against the common enemy in the fall, I do not expect any more hearty and loyal support from the friends of

Mr. Kitchin than I do from the friends of Ashley Horne and the friends of Locke Craig of yesterday. Mr. Kitchin heartily thanked all his friends who had stood by him; spoke feelingly of the honor he felt to be the standard bearer of the party and asked for complete party harmony.

Mr. Craig Appears.

Mr. Craig, tired, but handsome and smiling, appeared when Mr. Kitchin sat down. At the sight of their idol the mountaineers rose en masse and yelled at the top of their voices. Every other man and woman in the house stood and cried aloud with the supporters of the orator of the west.

Graceful, dignified, and refined-looking he stepped forward and waved his elegantly shaped hands for attention.

Mr. Craig's Speech.

"I thank you, my friends, for the

great reception you have given me. As I stand here I realize that I look upon the greatest body of Democrats that has ever assembled in any State in the United States and I come before this body to pledge to you again in this hour when you have chosen another to be your standard-bearer; that in the future, as for 25 years in the past, all of my talent, whatever it

is, all of my strength, is at the command of the cause of the Democracy of this State. (Great applause.) I do not belong to the party for the honors and emoluments of office. I claim allegiance to that great organization because its success is coextensive with the welfare of my State and the good of the people that I love, and for that reason in victory and in defeat, I always owe and always give my allegiance to the party that has saved and that is the salvation of this State.

A Victor in This Contest.

"But my friends it is unnecessary for me to say this. I think that my record for 25 years in the past is a guarantee of my loyalty in the future to the cause of our party. I come before you especially to thank the friends who have stood so loyally by me in this, the greatest political convention in the State's history. They have stood by me with the loyalty of a Spartan and with the devotion and chivalry of a son to this land of Dixie. And I wish to say to you tonight, my friends, that though I am not the nominee of this convention, I feel a great victor in this contest for I have the devotion of the friends who have stood by me, their heroism, their intelligence and their loyalty is to me a heritage and to my children a heritage that is more precious than the honors or the emoluments of office; for the honors and emoluments of office is in its essence the loyalty and devotion of friends, and I know that I have this. I shall never forget their support. The only regret I have about this is that they have given me so much and I can give them so little. (Applause.) I cannot express to you in words my gratitude. I hope that here and hereafter I can be true to the cause that you love and demonstrate in my life that your affection and your loyalty have not been bestowed upon one that is unworthy. We all go home with the determination and with all zeal to fight for the principles that we love and for the land of our inheritance."

Mr. Craig thanked all his loyal friends, declared that North Carolina is the greatest of all the States in its citizenship, and said that the success of the Democratic party was supreme and ahead and beyond the ambitions of any man. His speech was warmly received by the immense assemblage and he took his seat amid wild applause.

The Final Vote.

The final vote, which was not announced, stood: Craig, 381.72; Kitchin, 473.59; Horne, 1.69.

Before this vote could be announced the motion to make Mr. Kitchin's nomination unanimous was put and carried with tumultuous cheering.

W. C. Newland, of Caldwell county was nominated for lieutenant Governor, the ballot standing: Newland, 481; Wood, 217; Bowie, 159.

Governor Glenn and Senator Overman were elected delegates at large to the Denver convention by acclamation. A fight was sprung on motion to elect Senator Simmons, and pending the settlement of this matter the convention adjourned until Monday, the time being slightly past midnight.

The platform committee was not yet ready to report and the nominations for other State officers had to go over until Monday.

The Convention City.

This is the first State convention Charlotte has had in half a century. No better place could have been selected.

The city of Charlotte has a population of forty-three thousand; it has the finest auditorium in the South; the best hotel facilities, the best electric car system, the best system of schools and colleges, the finest parks and amusements, the finest retail and wholesale stores, the largest publishing interests, the most numerous and costly churches, the best banking facilities and the largest and most numerous and varied manufacturing industries of any city in North Carolina, or for that matter any city of its size anywhere. Moreover it has an abundance of hydro-electric power from the Catawba river, by means of which light has been turned into brightest day, and the illumination makes the whole city a fairyland. Charlotte is now putting down the new bituminous paving on its principal streets; it has a complete water system sufficient for half a million people, and one of the best trained fire departments anywhere. Such is Charlotte, the historic Queen City, that has set itself to the task of entertaining the convention like it was never entertained before. And the people! Special trains over the Southern, special trains over the Seaboard, regular trains, freight trains, automobiles, every known means of conveyance has brought in throngs. Thousands on thousands of them were here.

Government Stocks Lake.

Hickory, Special.—The government distributing fish car passed here en route to Edgemont with 65,000 California speckled trout for the waters of the lake of the Mountain Home Club, which is being rapidly developed and beautified under the direction of a landscape gardener who is looking after the grounds and roadways through the vast estate, which is owned by stockholders consisting of business and professional men throughout North and South Carolina as well as other States many of whom will build cottages convenient to the club inn proper.

Tornado Kills Six.

Clinton, Minn., Special.—A tornado struck this town Saturday afternoon, killing six people, and injuring twenty-five, some seriously. Twenty houses, a printing office and two churches were blown down. The dead: Morton Higgins, Thomas Rockwell, Miss Kate Mills, Spunk Berry, Mrs. Olds Nicholson and daughter. Missing: Mrs. T. N. Johnson.

The New War Secretary.

Washington, Special.—General Luke E. Wright, who becomes Secretary of War Wednesday, succeeding Secretary Taft, went to Oyster Bay to talk with the President and Secretary Taft, and said on his way to the summer White House that he would make no changes in heads of bureaus at the War Office. Secretary Taft's secretary, Fred W. Carpenter, who has been with Secretary Taft since the latter quit the Philippine governorship, will go with Mr. Taft and be close to his chief all through the campaign.

Fifteen Dead in a Collision.

Bombay, By Cable.—Fifteen persons were killed and 270 injured in a collision between an express and a freight train on the Bombay and Baroda Railway near Baroda. Four of the passenger coaches and four mail cars of the express train and four cars of the freight train were burned.

Attacked Express Car.

Springfield, Ill., Special.—An express car of the Illinois Traction system, leaving St. Louis Friday night, carrying a large amount of money and other valuables, was made the object of attack by three highwaymen at Lynch Station, on the east side of St. Louis. C. E. Hartman, a Chicago and Alton dispatcher saw the would-be robbers creeping along the grass, and gave signals to the car to go on. Several shots were fired by the highwaymen, one of them striking the car, and three shots were returned by the motorman and conductor of the car. No one was hurt.

Only Patriotic Airs.

New York, Special.—In a proclamation issued by Mayor George B. McClellan relative to the observance of the Fourth of July, he directs that none but patriotic airs be played by the bands in the public parks and on the recreation piers on that day. The usual orders as to the raising of the American flag on all city buildings are issued, and the mayor further urges citizens everywhere throughout the city to display national colors "as the most appropriate manner of celebrating the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence."

Webb From the Ninth.

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Two Fall Into the Hands of an Angry Mob and Die.

AN EFFORT MADE TO SAVE ONE.

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The negroes were lodged in the Ware county jail during the day and late in the afternoon were taken out by Wayne county officers for the purpose of carrying them to Jessup for safe keeping. Suddenly a rush was made and a dozen hands clasped each officer and his gun. The negroes were jerked across the railroad track and a hundred persons pounced upon them, others still holding the guards. Through the wire fence at the railroad the mob shoved the negroes and then started in a run across College Hill. For nearly half a mile they continued to the first oak tree in the old Cherokee nursery. Here an attempt was made to break the handcuffs which held the negroes together, but without avail. None had a rope, but a heavy trace chain which was locked around one of the negroes was broken apart and a loop was soon made around his neck. Some one mounted the tree and from the first limb caught the end of the chain tying it around the limb, while others held the alleged rapist up from the ground. The other negro, still handcuffed to the body of the hanging man, stood with hands clasped around the tree. The mob stepping back about 10 paces opened fire upon the men, hundreds of shots being fired into their bodies.

Many tried to prevent the killing of the negro who was claspng the tree there being much doubt about his connection with the outrage. Nothins could be done with the enraged mob. After the lynching the mob dispersed.

The outrage occurred near the home of Wiley Wainwright Thursday evening. The girl had left the house for the cow pen when she was attacked by the negro. She was taken to the woods nearby, her screams falling to attract any one at the house. Here, it is said two other negroes joined the first.

It was 11 o'clock at night before Mr. Wainwright, accompanied by neighbors, found her. She was terribly bruised and mutilated. The negro Albert Baker was arrested Friday morning and carried before the girl for identification. He was with several other negroes at the time and readily pointed him out.

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