

**DEMOCRACY IS UNITED.**

**The Progressive Democratic Meeting at Raleigh Is One of Councilors and Not of Reformers.**

Raleigh, April 8.—The natural deduction from the meeting at Raleigh today is that the Democrats of the State are for the present in a mood to let well enough alone, content to have party affairs rack along for such adjustment as the party may see proper to frame up in regular order through the State Convention in June. The gathering was not noticeable for either its size or enthusiasm. The galleries of the big auditorium were vacant and there were seats to spare in the main body of the hall. The presence of Secretary of the Navy Daniels, of and Senator Pomerene gave decided tone to the meeting. Governor Craig was the acting head of the affair, presiding in the chair. With these on the stage were three State officials, and Judge Winston, Mr. Poe, Doctor Alexander, Mr. Fred N. Tate, Dr. John D. Bellamy and several other men of party prominence. Outside of the Raleigh people, there were probably less than 300 visiting Democrats.

At the outset it was seen that it was to be a meeting for the consideration of resolutions, and nobody seemed to have an idea of anything of necessity to be advanced, as there was general agreement that the things that had been agitated are in the main party measures of present approval. Governor Craig about covered the case in his address, in which he pictured the harmonious conditions in the party, State and National, and of the determination of the Democracy of North Carolina to work together for greater things. There were a few of the old Democratic wheel-horses in the audience, but hundreds of faces that naturally be expected to be seen in any State gathering of party men were missing. It was evident that there was a feeling against committing the party to any radical departure from regular Democratic standards, and if there had been any intentions of using the meeting for the advancement of any personal ends, such intentions had been abandoned before the meeting had materialized.

The trend, as best The Observer could gather it, was an earnest desire to consult and deliberate toward the good of the party as a whole, and to the inspiration of a more progressive spirit of legislation on party measures of known approval. There was no spirit of revolt, no talk of new organization, and any thought of going outside the regular party organization to secure an end of any kind, met with no sort of countenance. The Observer knows of no other way in which to size up today's meeting in Raleigh, and we believe that what has been said about covers the bill. It is certain that the meeting had one result—it showed the Democratic party in the State is solidly united and is determined to hold together. The red light has been turned against any hand that would make a move to disrupt it.

Raleigh, April 8.—When the promoters of the progressive Democratic convention said that the meeting would be wide open, they perhaps builded better than they knew—anyway, their prophecy stands fulfilled, everybody who wanted to offering all the resolution he had former (for the party's welfare) since January 1. These ranged from suggested improvements in political machinery to State-wide reforms in government.

The afternoon session of the convention was opened at 3:00 o'clock by Governor Craig as chairman, the first feature of business being the announcement of the standing committee on resolutions. The personnel of the committee follows:

J. S. Carr, E. K. Graham, Clarence Poe, Z. V. Turlington, T. J. Lassiter, H. A. Page, T. T. Bellinger, Alston Grimes, T. W. Mason, E. W. Sikes, W. R. Foreman, J. W. Bailey, H. Q. Alexander, S. H. Hobbs, J. Crawford Biggs, J. A. Brown, E. R. Cotten, J.

R. Rives, F. N. Tate, A. M. Scales and R. F. Beasley.

The convention was declared to be ready for the introduction of resolutions. Fred N. Tate, of High Point, was the first recognized. He declared himself in favor of a separate commission to have oversight of public utilities, taking a part of the work now performed by the corporation commission. He advocated this change at the special session of the legislature and reiterated his advocacy this change.

**STATE-WIDE PRIMARY.**

John D. Bellamy, of Wilmington, offered a resolution favoring a State-wide primary system with a corrupt practices act. W. S. Wilson, of Raleigh, offered a resolution declaring for a State-wide highway commission and general road law. A. W. Graham, of Oxford, spoke in advocacy of the State highway commission idea, and insisted that the State convicts should be taken from railroad construction and put to work on the public roads under some equitable system.

I. C. Upchurch, of New Hanover, who said he represented the New Hanover Democratic Club, offered a resolution favoring an act that will force children out of the cotton and other mills and into the schools and that free text books be provided for the public school children.

There came from Bruce Craven, now of Durham, a resolution advocating the adoption of the initiative and referendum as being the real test of progressiveness.

The matter of a system of rural credits was brought before the convention through a resolution offered by J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn that proposed a State system. He declared that in his opinion the State could provide a system of underwriting rural loans. He was followed by Lieutenant Governor Daughtridze, who urged the most serious consideration of a rural credit system for the farmers of the State.

**OBJECTS TO CHEAP MONEY.**

Something of a thrill swept the audience when Henry J. Faison, of Duplin County, declared that while he was the head of the Farmers' Union for his county, he believed it would be a bad day for the farmers of the State when "cheap money" was provided. It would destroy the usefulness of the farmers and swamp them in debt. Their methods must be modernized, supplies must be raised at home, economy must be practiced in the truest sense of the word before there is a great volume of real prosperity for the farmers. He would not have the farmers borrowing "cheap money" for the purpose of automobiles. He feared that many were already going into debt for such luxuries, following the lead of their more venturesome city folks.

**STATEWIDE INSURANCE.**

There came from E. R. McKeithan, of Fayetteville, a resolution favoring the establishment of a system of State-wide insurance to remedy what he declared to be a present heavy drain of money out of the State to Northern and Eastern insurance companies.

J. H. Rich, of Winston-Salem, offered a resolution declaring against fraudulent advertising and advocating a State law that will prevent it—such a law as has been passed by number of other States he enumerated in the resolution.

Clarence Poe offered, by request, resolutions that he declared he would gladly stand for. One was a corrupt practice act that would prevent the employment of traveling representatives by candidates for office and limiting the employes of candidates for office to an office force. Another resolution provided that no attorney for a corporation would be eligible to office unless the attorney should first sever connection with the corporation, the severance to be in the strictest good faith. Mr. Poe read a telegram from B. H. DePriest, of Shelby, urging that the convention endorse the Australian ballot system.

**STATE BOARD OF CONTROL.**

C. M. Muse, of Carthage, offered resolutions proposing that there be created a State board of control to make up budgets for the State institutions and eliminate the disgraceful scrambles, as he expressed it, that occur at each session of the Legislature in efforts to influence the makers to increase appropriation for this or that institution.

E. W. Sikes, of Wake Forest, offered resolutions that would make for legislation in conservation of the natural resources of the State.

**RURAL CREDITS.**

Dr. H. Q. Alexander spoke at length in advocacy of legislation that will give to the farmers a system of rural credits. He took exception to the remarks of H. J. Faison about farmers riding in automobiles and thought that farmers have as much right as city folks to use automobiles, provided they can afford them. He thought so-called "cheap money" would be a great help to the farmers. He advocated a system that would include loans on chattels as well as on real estate, and though the State might wait a reasonable time to see what steps would be taken by the Federal Government in the direction of rural credit system.

**FIRST SESSION.**

When the convention met first at 12:30 this afternoon Governor Craig was placed in nomination and quickly elected as permanent chairman of the convention and accepted this position gracefully as a preliminary to his set speech on "Our Party and The Tasks Ahead of Us." The Governor was greeted with much applause. He expressed hearty sympathy for the purposes of the convention, insisting that there is no "nigger in the wood-pie" and intimating that there might have been more people attending the convention but for a fear that many North Carolinians have for wood-piles of any sort.

Referring to the foreign policy of the Wilson Administration, the Governor declared that he did not know enough to agree or disagree with the President and his Cabinet in their foreign policy, "but I do know," declared the Governor, "that it is dictated by principles of mercy. I am a Democrat, like Woodrow Wilson is a Democrat, without suffixes or prefixes. North Carolina has come back again with that magnificent leader, F. M. Simmons."

At this juncture the Governor also paid tribute to the presence of Senator Pomerene in the convention and the unavoidable absence of William Jennings Bryan.

**TAKES UP SUBJECTS.**

The Governor took up the question of the various subjects proposed to be considered by the convention. He said, "I am for a legalized primary, protected by law and an act that will insure us against all manner of corruption." He endorsed good roads and declared that he would continue his fight for equitable freight rates. He said that he wants justice for both the railroads and the people. He would not stand for saddling on North Carolina rates higher than those accorded other States.

**FOR SANITATION.**

The Governor advocated advancement in the policy of the party in legislation that will promote the health of the people. He insisted that it should be made possible for the people to have the protection that is afforded by screens and sanitary equipment that will give to the poorest the advantages of cleanliness. He said the Democratic party is a party of the home, standing for the home and that in this convention there should be special thought to bringing to the women and children of the State the comforts and happiness of real homes.

Opening the convention for further business, the Democratic press was declared vote to constitute the secretarship of the convention.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.**

Judge J. Crawford Biggs offered a

resolution which was adopted providing for a standing committee of 21 on resolutions, that all resolutions be in writing, that all resolutions be discussed and referred to the standing committee before finally adopted during the afternoon session and that the evening session be given over to hearing the speeches of Senator Pomerene and Josephus Daniels. The resolutions were adopted.

The last feature of business before adjournment to 3 o'clock, was the adoption of a set of resolutions offered and read by Hon. Francis Winston amid great applause as follows:

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