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### OUR TRIP TO CHICAGO.

**A Pleasant Trip—Grand City—Beautiful Sceneries—A Great Body—Home Again.**

On Saturday morning about 8:30 o'clock, on the 16th of June, we reached Washington City, en route for Chicago, to witness the proceedings of the Republican National Convention, which convened on the 19th. The North Carolina delegation was provided for by that good man, Hon. W. P. Canady, and assigned to the "Bristol" in the second section of the excursion trains that were leaving Washington on that day. This was a train of eight Pullman sleepers and five sections about the same size left Washington that day.

Our ticket entitled us to three meals each way and a sleeping berth. We had a car-load of North Carolinians. They were all good-looking, clever gentlemen. We left Washington 10:30 in the morning—hence an all-day ride, with a full view of mountains and farms of Pennsylvania.

We took the Pennsylvania route, which took us through Baltimore, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Altoona, Fort Wayne, and other pretty Western cities. The scenery along this route was perfectly grand. From Washington to and beyond Baltimore it was somewhat dusty, but as we crossed the line between Maryland and Pennsylvania we met rain in gentle, refreshing showers, that cooled the atmosphere and made riding pleasant.

As we followed the graceful curves of the Susquehanna river, along the foot of the Alleghany, the scenery was superbly picturesque and magnificently grand. The graceful slopes of the beautiful towering hills, the mighty massive rocks, the frightening ravines, thick forests and rippling streams, fields green with grain and grass, dotted here and there with herds of cattle and sheep, comfortable farm houses, busy men and women, kept us admiringly delighted, gazing upon the wonderful works of nature and industry, and ingenuity of man.

This is a grand country. The farms are well cultivated. Wheat, clover, corn and oats seem to be the principal products, aside from garden vegetables. This is also a great iron country. As night came upon us furnaces could be seen blazing in every direction. Sometimes it looked like an hundred great lamps in a row. Natural gas is burnt in this country also.—Many of the cities we passed on Saturday night displayed great blazing lights, some of them three or four feet. It makes a powerful and beautiful light.

After enjoying many others besides the sceneries mentioned, we slept soundly, and waked early in the morning to find ourself well up in Indiana, the Hoosier State and home of our next President. Here we began to notice the well prepared country roads and that in every town and city, the school-house and the church were the best and most prominent buildings to be seen.

About midday we entered the prairie land. There were clusters of trees here and there, but no hill nor valley nor stream. Miles and miles of level plains were before us; farm houses could be seen five and ten miles distant and cattle looked like small hogs in the distance. Early in the afternoon we came in sight of the great Lake Michigan, and the porter yelled: "Chicago in a few minutes." But it took us nearly a half hour to reach the depot after we got in sight.

Chicago is a great city. It is the metropolis of the West. It has a population of 800,000. It has about 15,000 colored people. The police force is 1,300 men. The mayor gets \$10,000 a year. There are many magnificent buildings here, among them is the U. S. Postoffice, the Court House, the Board of Trade and the convention auditorium. Many of the stores are five and six stories high. Some of the buildings are eleven stories high. The streets are level and straight and regular. Cable cars are run on the streets as well as horse cars. To a Southerner it looks strange to see 3 or 4 cars together dashing down the middle of a street loaded with people and no engine or horse pulling it. They run fast, too, say at the rate of ten miles an hour. A North Carolina friend became frightened and cried out to a friend,

"look yonder at those cars running away."

We visited South Park, Lincoln Park, the great stock yard or slaughter pen and took a ride under Chicago river in a tunnel in which are a thousand lighted lamps. We took a ride out on Lake Michigan about five miles, all of which we enjoyed much. In Lincoln Park is a large statue of President Lincoln. In this park also is a zoological garden, which is said to be second to none in the country. Here may be seen elephants, tigers, bears, buffalos, elks, deer, beavers, seals, prairie dogs, wolves and many other animals and birds. It is a lovely park of about four hundred acres and is free to all at all times.

The slaughter pen is the grandest thing to be seen in this great city. It employs 6,000 men, besides women and children. It covers several hundred acres and is laid off in squares and the squares divided into pens. In these pens may be seen thousands of the finest and fattest and biggest beef cattle in the country. Thousands of sheep and hogs and hundreds of calves are here also.

Here we witnessed the biggest "hog-killing" of our life. It is really interesting to see it. A hundred hogs may be seen walking into the pen and in less than an hour the same hogs may be seen dressed and being prepared for shipment. A hog is fastened by one foot, raised up and goes slipping and sliding like a rope walker underneath the rope. It goes from one man to another, each does his part to it until it is ready for the last knives to be quartered up.

The Convention auditorium holds about 10,000 people. It was well filled every session. It is a magnificent building. The chairman can be seen from all parts of the hall. It was finely decorated with flags and bunting and pictures and lights. Over the presiding officer was a beautiful shield which when lighted showed the thirty-six stars in blue ground and the stripes of red and white, emblematic of the American flag. The auditorium was ventilated by steam fans. The convention was good natured and well behaved. One hundred policemen assisted the officers. We will say no more of it just now. It gave us the ticket that will win.

We left Chicago 11.30 on Monday night the 25th. Though we meant to remain in Washington and had secured a situation, we were too eager to come back to the Old North State. We reached home Thursday noon and though we left enthusiastic for Sherman, we return just as earnest for Harrison and Morton. Not alone because the party nominated them, but because it is a good ticket. Because they are good and pure men. Men whom the enemy can say nothing against. Then after a happy return from a pleasant trip, we say hurrah for Harrison and Morton and North Carolina.

### MECKLENBURG REPUBLICANS.

Some years ago, it will be remembered, we had what was known as the liberal or coalition party. We were defeated in this county by from 500 to 900 majority. It was repeated once or twice with no success. This spring our county executive committee in calling our county convention declared, in substance, that in this campaign no one should be appointed, nominated or recognized by republicans for any office except known and tried republicans. It was thought that all were starting out in this campaign in good faith on that platform. If there is to be a change from that it should be generally known to the party.

It is talked around that certain men are bargaining with Cooper and other democrats and pledging them the republican vote of the county. We are not fully advised of the truth of the report, but now warn the parties, that they had better count well their strength beforehand or they will be unable to deliver the goods after selling.

We are frank to say, no coalition ticket can succeed in this county without the colored vote pretty solid and that the colored vote is not in a condition to be sold by one or two parties just now. When the republican party of Mecklenburg county

changes its policy the MESSENGER wants to be informed in time to get in harmony with the party, but if the tricksters make their trade and then expect to take this paper and the party over to a few democrats for a few dollars, they will get left as in the past.

In the multitude of counsel there is wisdom. In union is strength. Don't keep your secrets too close brethren, or you, Cooper and your whole crew may go down to shame and defeat. What better weapon do we want to fight with than Cooper's record as sheriff and the former position of the men who are now trying to palm him off on the colored republicans.

Brother republicans, let us all understand each other before we go too far in this fight. Fair play—an honest deal.

### MARK IT DOWN.

Last Saturday the Daily Chronicle of this city, said that Mr. Harrison voted against the Blair bill while in the Senate. Everybody knew that was not so, and the Chronicle got ashamed of itself and corrected on Sunday. We are glad to see that there is at least one writer on that paper who sometimes repents of a sin. Mark it down, a democratic paper corrects a false report against a republican candidate. It may be seen from this also, that democratic editors are not careful in gathering their news, but have too strong an inclination to injure republicans.

Our candidate and next president is all right on the educational question as on all others. He was in the republican majority that passed the Blair bill, and the democratic party defeated it in the House, where the same party have it smothered now. Mr. Harrison is our candidate and democrats need not worry about him. He's straight. He will be the next President of these United States.

### Republican Platform.

1st. That the interests of the farmer and the laborer are identical, and whatever injuriously effects one works a grievance against the other.

2d. The hand that holds the plow should be honored, and there should be a more equitable equation between the wages of labor and the compensation of the office-holder.

3d. We look upon the purity of the ballot-box as the best possible security against threatening evils and we demand such reasonable State legislation as will fully protect the elector in the exercise of the elective franchise. Any denial of the elective franchise by fraud or violence poisons the springs of power.

4th. Agriculture, manufacture and commerce are the three great factors of civilization and all legislation tending to foster these agencies will receive the support of the Republican party.

5th. While industry and economy are always to be looked to for relief from financial depression, individual success necessarily depends to a great extent upon wise legislation. To this end the total and unconditional repeal of all internal revenue taxes will greatly relieve the present paralyzed industrial condition of the country—both by relieving the country of a swarm of unnecessary officials and will relieve North Carolina from this unequal and unjust tax. Internal federal taxes belong only to war and all revenues for the support of the Federal government (in times of peace) should be collected from customs dues and their collection should be so adjusted as to protect American industries and labor.

6th. The general government should not keep in its treasury any more money than is actually necessary to meet the demands of the government; and as the means of preventing any further accumulation we demand the repeal of the internal revenue system of taxation and the passage of the Blair educational bill as the best method of public education and of distributing the already accumulated surplus in the treasury.

7th. We are opposed to the present system of county government and we demand the election of all county and township officers by the people.

8th. The Republican party favors and will earnestly support any legislation looking to the abolition of all useless State officials and dependencies, and the repeal of all unnecessary taxation, that government itself may not consume that which it was intended to foster and protect.

9th. We favor the working of the public roads by some system more equitable than the present unjust and burdensome one.

10th. That we oppose the present system of hiring out convicts by the State, so as to bring their labor in competition with free labor.

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