

BRYAN AND AYCOCK WERE ENDORSED BY STATE CONVENTION

Amid Scenes of Enthusiasm Delegates to State Democratic Convention Endorse William J. Bryan for President for 1908 and Aycock for Vice-President.

Hon. Franklin McNeil is Nominated Platform Adopted, Ringing Speeches by Noted Orators. Great Harmony Throughout Entire Convention.

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., July 4.—The State Democratic Convention endorsed Hon. W. J. Bryan for President and Hon. Chas. B. Aycock for Vice-President; nominated Hon. Franklin McNeil for Corporation Commissioner and adopted as platform before adjourning yesterday evening.

When nominations were called for Judge R. C. Strudwick presented the name of Jacob A. Long, of Alamance, as a candidate for the office of Corporation commissioner and Mr. Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, presented the name of Franklin McNeil candidate to succeed himself. Hon. S. O. Middleton, of Duplin, was also put in nomination by Mr. Elisha Lewis of Kingston.

McNeil Nominated. The ballot resulted: McNeil 521; Long 179; Middleton 71. McNeil's nomination, on motion of friends of Long and Middleton, was made unanimous. Pending the announcement of the ballot, Senator Overman being called on made a powerful short speech which evoked enthusiasm, especially the portion recounting the rapacity of railroads and other monopolies.

Immediately after the nomination of Mr. McNeil Solicitor A. L. Brooks introduced a resolution endorsing William Jennings Bryan as President for 1908. The resolution with an amendment offered by Mr. E. W. Pope was adopted amid a whirlwind of applause and is as follows:

The Democracy of North Carolina, the first in America to support William J. Bryan for the Presidency of the United States, is gratified to see the Democrats of every section of the Republic turning to him as a logical candidate for President in 1908.

The spontaneous call for his leadership is the result of a universal desire to correct the giant evils in our country, which he long ago foresaw, and which has heretofore defeated the will of the American people. Honored the world over as America's first citizen he will be hailed upon his return as the one man to restore the government to the foundation of equality and justice, upon which it was established by our fathers. The Democrats of North Carolina in convention assembled endorsed the candidacy of William J. Bryan for President in 1908, and recognizing that in choosing his running mate the Democracy of this country should select one of her wisest and broadest statesmen, the North Carolina Democracy presents to the Democracy of the Republic as a fit candidate for Vice-President Hon. Charles B. Aycock, ex-Governor of this State.

There were only 59 1-2 votes cast against the Bryan and Aycock resolutions. The vote cast against it were: Cabarrus 10; Durham 2; Cleveland 5; Davie 1; Durham 2; Edgecombe 5 1-2; Madison 7; Mecklenburg 11; Pasquotank 7; Person 1; Wake 4; Yadkin 4. All the other votes cast were for the resolutions.

Upon conclusion of the vote, awaiting the report from the platform committee, the convention at seven o'clock adjourned until nine o'clock.

On the reassembling of the convention at 9 o'clock the platform committee reported as follows:

The Democracy of North Carolina, in convention assembled, renews its allegiance to the principles of constitutional government, through laws enacted and executed in the interest of the whole people, without favor to individual or class, and it pledges itself to continue the just, wise and economical administration of public affairs, which have obtained in State and county since its return to power in 1899. We congratulate the people of the State that, under Democratic auspices, there has been established throughout the borders of the State a reign of law and liberty, peace and progress; that our people are no longer employed in guarding their homes and protecting their lives, liberty and property, as they were under Republican rule, but safe in the protection of law and enjoying the freedom which comes from security are directing their energies to peaceful pursuits of honest industry.

We endorse the wise, patriotic and able administration of our State's affairs by Governor Robert B. Glenn and the other State officials, and we point with pride to the record of our Senators and Democratic Representatives in Congress and endorse the same.

We again congratulate the people of North Carolina upon the successful operation of the constitutional amendment regulating the elective franchise. The adoption of this



"Another State Heard From."

SKULL FRACTURED.

New Bern Man Seriously Hurt by Accident—News Notes. Special to The News.

New Bern, July 4.—A white man by the name of Burgess who has been in the employ of one of the lumber mills in this city, fell yesterday afternoon on South Front street and fractured his skull, dying in the hospital shortly afterwards. He had been on a protracted spree and was drunk at the time the accident occurred.

Fire broke out in the retail grocery of L. H. Ervin about 12 o'clock last night completely destroying the stock of goods. The fire was finally gotten under control.

Col. F. A. Olds, of Raleigh, passed through on his way to Beaufort where he goes to make arrangements for the entertainment of the Sunshine Club of Raleigh, of which he is president.

THE INJURED IMPROVING.

Passengers Injured in Wreck of Plymouth Steamboat are Generally Improving. By Associated Press.

Salisbury, Eng., July 4.—The injured passengers of the Plymouth steamboat express, wrecked here July 1, are generally improving.

Steamship America Safe.

By Associated Press. New York, July 4.—The overdue steamship America is safe at Bermuda. The America left Marseilles June the third for New York. She was towed to Bermuda with machinery disabled.

SON BORN TO CROWN PRINCESS TO-DAY

Guns of Artillery Announce Birth of Heir Presumptive. Half Million Copies of Official Gazette Containing Proclamation were Given Away.

By Associated Press. Berlin, July 4.—Crown Princess Frederick William was safely accouched of a son this morning. The boy is well formed and strong.

The guns of a battery of artillery began to fire slowly in the square opposite the palace about noon and tens of thousands within hearing of the salute stopped in the streets or paused in their work, counting the guns, for it had long been announced that 72 shots would be fired for a girl and 101 for a boy. Seventy-one, seventy-two—seventy-three, then the city knew that an heir presumptive had been born. An hour later a half million copies of the official gazette containing the official proclamation of the event were given away.

The Crown Princess and Prince are in the best of condition.

TRIAL BY COURT MARTIAL.

Vice Admiral Rojestvensky and Other Officers Being Tried by Court Martial. By Associated Press.

Cronstadt, July 4.—The Russian trial by court martial of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky and his officers of the torpedo boat destroyer Bedovia for their battle of the Sea of Japan, began several Japanese seamen and two surgeons have been summoned as witnesses. They are expected to furnish evidence regarding Rojestvensky's condition at the time of the surrender. The penalty of conviction is death.

POPULIST CONVENTION.

Populists of Kansas May Endorse Some of Candidates on Democratic Ticket. By Associated Press.

Topeka, Kan., July 4.—When the Populist State Convention was called to order the principal contest in sight was as to whether or not the party should name a full State ticket. At the caucus of the leaders last night it was decided to recommend that the convention make no endorsement of any other ticket as a whole. It is believed the convention may endorse some of the candidates on the Democratic ticket.

PRES. ROOSEVELT MAY PRESIDE BRYAN RECEPTION

President of the Commercial Travelers and Anti-Trust League, Mr. William Hoge. To-day Invited Roosevelt to Preside at Reception to Bryan.

Mr. Hoge Explained that the Commercial Travelers and Trust League, was Non Partisan and Considered the President also Opposed to Trusts.

Special to The News. New York, July 4.—William Hoge, president of the Commercial Travelers' and Trust League, today invited Mr. Roosevelt to preside at the reception to be tendered Mr. Bryan upon his arrival from Europe early in September.

Mr. Hoge explained in his letter that the Commercial Travelers' and Trust League is not a Democratic nor partisan organization in any sense and that the organization regards Mr. Roosevelt as being as much opposed to trusts as is Bryan.

MR. BRYAN IN LONDON.

Has Not Yet Had Conference With Mayor McClellan—Holds Informal Reception. By Associated Press.

London, July 4.—There has been no meeting between Mr. Bryan and Mayor McClellan, of New York, so far. They will both attend the reception of Ambassador Whitelaw Reid this afternoon and dinner of the American Society tonight.

It is not probable that anything like a formal conference for the discussion of politics will occur. Mr. Bryan said this morning that he might meet Western political friends, including members of the Jefferson Club of Chicago, on the continent later.

He added that his friends had not come to Europe especially to meet him but they happened to be coming and therefore he was arranging to see them.

Mr. Bryan held another informal reception at the Hotel Cecil today, many visiting and resident Americans calling on him.

SHOT WHILE CELEBRATING. Young Son of Mr. J. E. Cameron Was Shot This Morning by Accident—Prof. Graham Delivers Address. Special to The News.

Raleigh, July 4.—J. E. Cameron, Jr., the 12-year-old son of Mr. J. E. Cameron of this city, was accidentally shot at 6 o'clock this morning in the street while celebrating the Fourth with fire works.

His younger brother had a small revolver with which he was firing blank cartridges and as usual in such cases one was "loaded" and the elder brother was shot in the right side.

The wound is very painful, though not especially dangerous.

Mr. Cameron is one of the brightest of the custodians of the work in the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons.

Prof. Alexander Graham, of the Charlotte graded schools, delivered an address this afternoon before the members of the North Carolina summer school on "Some new light on the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence."

It was a pleasing patriotic speech in which he reviewed the history of the Mecklenburg Declaration and was heard with great interest.

STEAMER RACE ENDED.

The Race Between the Deutschland and the Laprovenio Ended With Victory for Former. By Associated Press.

New York, July 4.—The second eastward trans-Atlantic race between the Hamburg-American line steamer Deutschland and the French line steamer Laprovenio ended this morning with a decisive victory in favor of the German boat.

The Deutschland's time of passage was five days, 14 hours and nine minutes. The distance covered is 3,003 miles. The Deutschland beats the Laprovenio nearly 11 hours against 4 hours claimed by the French steamer on her previous race.

Governor Glenn Here.

Governor Robert B. Glenn arrived in Charlotte, over the Seaboard, last night and stopped at the Central Hotel. This morning early he left for Gastonia where he delivered the Fourth of July oration. Governor Glenn did not show that he has been indisposed. He is looking bright and cheerful and seems to be in the best of health.

Dr. H. Q. Alexander Better. A telephone message to The News this morning from the home of Dr. H. Q. Alexander stated that he spent a fairly good night and that his condition this morning was somewhat improved. Dr. I. A. Bigger, a prominent physician of Rock Hill S. C. arrived in the city last night and will spend a few days at Dr. Alexander's home.



Everybody Celebrates but Father.

LIGHTNING'S DANGEROUS WORK.

Shocks Several People and Splinters a Tree on East Fifth Street. Yesterday afternoon about six-thirty o'clock there was a terrific flash of lightning noticed in the southern section of the city by many people, just as the rain, which had fallen intermittently for half an hour, was ceasing.

The stroke came very near being a deadly one, shocking several people and splintering a large oak tree in the yard of Mrs. Johnston who lives near the corner of East Fifth street and Caldwell.

The bolt struck the tree just as Rob Torrence, son of Mr. W. H. Torrence, was passing along the street. It stunned the young man considerably and caused him to reel, but he managed to withstand the shock and avoided falling.

Mrs. Johnson was also shocked, while three men across the street were badly shaken up, and one of them told Mr. Torrence this morning that he had not yet recovered from the effects of the electrical discharge.

Strange to say the lightning, after following the trunk of the tree to the ground, splintering the wood into small pieces, tore out through the ground and into the macadamized street, breaking up the macadam, and finally being dissipated through the ground.

It was the only severe stroke of lightning during the slight storm that visited the city between six and seven o'clock, and many who noticed it were convinced that it had hit somewhere.

Mr. Torrence says that the escape of his son was almost a miracle as the young man was only about 12 feet from the tree, and the discharge ran straight out along the roots of the tree across the sidewalk into the street.

Mrs. McRae mother of Mr. J. A. McRae of the Charlotte bar, whose home is just a few doors from the residence of Mrs. Johnston, was also severely shocked by the lightning which splintered the tree.

TO HELP SALISBURY CELEBRATE Big Crowd of Charlotte Negroes Went Over This Morning. Whenever there is anything doing at Salisbury along the celebration line, Charlotte is surely to be represented. Few darkies in Mecklenburg have not heard of the great celebration that was advertised far and wide which would take place in that city today, and as the result several hundred bought round trip tickets to that point this morning.

Quite a number went on the early morning train while a hundred or more left on No. 36, at 9:20 o'clock. As usual, the majority carried gifts of various sizes and it goes without saying that many gallons of Salisbury liquor will find its way into Charlotte when the train arrives from the north tonight.

TAMMANY CELEBRATION.

Annual Celebration of the Society was Attended By Prominent Men from All Over Country. By Associated Press.

New York, July 4.—The annual celebration of the Society of Tammany was attended by prominent men from many parts of the country. One of the principal addresses was delivered by Congressman Sullivan of Massachusetts, who spoke of what he regarded as the evils which had grown out of the protective tariff.

The address of welcome was delivered by Grand Sachem, Bourke Cockran, and brief addresses were delivered by representative Democrats from various sections of the country. Letters of regret were read from Gov. Broward of Florida; Congressman John Sharp Williams; Gov. Davis of Arkansas; Senator Tillman; Gov. Beckham of Kentucky; Captain Hobson, and Senator Daniel, of Virginia.

MR. NEELY INJURED

Right Badly Bruised in a Runaway This Morning. Mr. A. Q. Neely, manager of the sales department of Wabsworth's livery stables, was painfully bruised in an accident at the Seaboard Air Line depot this morning. He was riding in a racing cart, leading a horse when the horse he was leading got frightened at an approaching train and jumped up in the cart astride him. Mr. Neely and the cart went down under the weight of the animal, while the horse attached to the cart dashed off up the street, not stopping until it fell opposite Stone and Barringer's.

PRESIDENT SPEAKS ON REGARDLESS OF DOWNPOUR OF RAIN

In a Natural Amphitheatre in Grove at Oyster Bay the President To-day Delivered a Fourth of July Oration to his Townspeople.

Heavy Rain Falls but President Speaks on Oblivious. Shames Men for Their Fear of Water. Says he will Curb the Corporations.

By Associated Press. Oyster Bay, July 4.—President Roosevelt today delivered a Fourth of July oration to his townspeople in the natural amphitheatre in a grove at Oyster Bay.

Referring to the work of this Congress in the direction of Federal control over business, he said: "We have accomplished a fair amount because we have not tried to do too much, and because we approached it without rancor."

"In this task we have come in contact with some people we did not like and in protecting property we have been forced to protect some of the property of the fellow we didn't want to. When it comes to the control of corporations, the ones that need control I will curb without regard to others."

While the President was in the middle of his speech it began to rain. The President's face at once lit up. He appeared to enjoy the heavy rain. A secret service man threw a long rubber cape over his shoulders and he turned to his audience and said:

"Men, I am ashamed of you because you are afraid you will get wet, but ladies, I feel sorry for you."

He talked on with his head uncovered and the rain pouring on him for fully ten minutes. The shower then ceased temporarily and he doffed his cape. Hardly had he done this when the rain began to fall again. The President was engrossed in his remarks and disregarded the rubber cape entirely. Therefore when he had concluded his speech he was drenched through.

YELLOW FEVER OUTBREAK. Report Comes of Yellow Fever Outbreak in Cuba. By Associated Press.

New Orleans, July 4.—Reports that yellow fever had appeared in Cuba were made public today by the State board of health. The reports come from the Louisiana health inspectors resident in Cuba, who say cases of fever were reported June 17, 20, 26 and 27. The yellow fever outbreak is reported at Nipe, on the northeastern coast of Cuba, where several deaths are reported.

Runaway Car Jumps Track Near Portage, Crashed into Party of Foreigners Killing 13 Instantly and Injuring Others. Track Torn Up. By Associated Press.

Altoona, Pa., July 4.—A runaway car flying like wild down the mine branch track that runs between Puritan and Portage just before midnight last night jumped the track a short distance from Portage and crashed into a party of foreigners who were holding a celebration along the track.

Thirteen were instantly killed and without warning several others were injured. The car was smashed to kindling wood and the tracks torn up for a hundred feet.

A miner official says the striking foreigners loosened the brake and started the car down the precipice, although another theory is that malicious boys sent the car off in a spirit of mischief.

CONSOLIDATED CIGAR STORES. Company Organized to Operate Several Cigar Stores. Messrs. Carey W. Butt, L. B. Johnson, and W. C. Dowd have formed a partnership under the firm name of Consolidated Cigar Stores, and as the name indicates this firm will operate a number of stores in the city.

They have already purchased the stock and secured the stand of the Charlotte Cigar Co., on North Tryon street. This has been a cigar stand for years and is an excellent location. It will be repapered, painted, and thoroughly overhauled at once.

The firm has also leased the stand on West Trade street next to Blair Bros. & Co., and near the Selwyn Hotel. This stand is now in the hands of the carpenters and will be neatly fitted up at once, and open for business at an early date.

Other stands are now being negotiated for and will be opened from time to time. It is the purpose of the Consolidated Cigar Stores to give Charlotte a series of up-to-date cigar stores.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ivey and Master George Ivey have returned from a two weeks trip to New York.

Officers Elected. Crittenton Circle Held an Important Meeting this Morning. The annual election of officers of the Crittenton Circle took place this morning at a meeting of the Circle at Tryon Street Methodist church. The meeting was full of interest though not of a public nature. The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Mrs. W. W. Hagood, re-elected president; Mrs. I. W. Faison, first vice-president; Mrs. A. H. Washburn, second vice-president; Mrs. N. M. Lawrence, third vice president; Miss Eva Liddell, re-elected treasurer; Mrs. E. C. Register, assistant treasurer; Mrs. W. C. Dowd, secretary, and Mrs. Harris Mallinckrodt, assistant secretary.

Grace Reid Locked Up. Grace Reid, one of the women who failed two times successively to appear as a witness against her husband, charged with being drunk, was taken in charge by officers about 11 o'clock this morning by order of the Recorder, and is now locked up at the police station on a charge of contempt of court, not appearing when summoned as a witness. The case against her will be disposed of tomorrow. Another white woman wanted for the same offense, was found ill in bed hence could not be brought up to the police station today.

The Little Workers of Dilworth Methodist church will serve ice cream, and cake, on the church lawn tomorrow evening (Thursday) from 8 to 10 o'clock. They cordially invite their friends.