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Democrats Vote to Repeal The 18th Amendment

The Prohibition Plank in the National Platform Adopted At Chicago At the Wednesday Night Session of the Democratic National Convention Is Dripping Wet.

Chicago, June 29.—The Democratic plank on prohibition, as approved by the platform committee, says: "We favor the repeal of the 18th Amendment."

"To effect such repeal, we demand that the Congress immediately propose a Constitutional amendment to truly representative conventions in the states called to act solely on that proposal."

"We urge the enactment of such measures by the several states as will actually promote temperance, effectively prevent the return of the saloon and bring the liquor traffic into the open under complete supervision and control by the states."

"We demand that the Federal government effectively exercise its power to enable the states to effectively protect themselves against importation of intoxicating liquors in violation of their laws."

"Pending repeal, we favor immediate modification of the Volstead Act to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer and other beverages of such alcoholic content as is permissible under the Constitution and to provide therefrom a proper and needed revenue."

Seven Candidates May Be Presented For Presidency Today

Chicago, June 29.—Seven candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination gave the gun to their zooming campaigns today with the ever-present thought that by tomorrow night all but one in the flight may be grounded.

NOTE: Nominating speeches were in progress at the time of going to press today.

IT IS NO WONDER

Four years ago, and intermittently since then, Democratic leaders of North Carolina former Gov. Cameron Morrison, then unbedecked with the senatorial toga although his eyes were known to be fixed upon it, included, lifted their voices in protestation and religion, an unholy alliance which they hailed as detrimental to the church and as dangerous inter-meddling in affairs which were conceived to be of a strictly civic nature.

This household journal's consistent advocacy of separation of church and state does not preclude recollection of conditions which led to campaigners' protests against the former's entry into the lists, against Alfred E. Smith and several of the policies for which he avowedly stood. The Democratic brethren were endeavoring to overcome the marshaling of sentiment against their presidential nominee's witness. They were admittedly on the defensive against attackers who held the prohibition question to be more of a moral than a political problem and who consequently took the position that they could more effectively accomplish their purpose by saying it with votes.

But now the situation is considerably reversed. The Honorable Cam, senator by the grace of appointment, is in a political bind because of his aridity. The opposition candidate, running on a repeal platform, threw dust in the Senator's eyes throughout the campaign and crossed the finishing line with a substantial plurality, as pluralities go in North Carolina, so that a second primary, heralded as a fight to the finish, is in order. And prohibition, the public has been informed, will be the paramount issue. Are Senator Morrison and the regulars who follow in his train about to see the question now in the light of morality? Is the Morrison bid to be so worded that a Macedonian cry will go out to the churches? Are those who protested so vigorously four-five years ago about to be convinced that it is the duty of the clergy to get in politics when certain objectives are at stake?

Until the Morrison campaign assumes more definite shape, it is, of course, but to wonder.—Greensboro Daily News.

Charles Curtis Has Romantic Career

Vice President Who Has Been Nominated by Republicans For Second Term Is Descendant of Kaw Indians.

Few careers have been as romantic as that of Charles Curtis who was the past week renominated by the Republicans for Vice President, a post he was elected to in 1928.

His life is the story of a part Indian boy who lived in a tepee and rode bareback on the western plains when the west was "wild and woolly"—a one time jockey, a night cabman in a turbulent western city who fought for an education and by dogged determination forced his way to the foremost rank among his countrymen.

For Curtis, one time Representative, Senator and majority leader of his party, and Vice President, the long trail leads back to more than 72 years ago when he was one of several boys in a Kaw Indian camp 60 miles or so west of Topeka. But he was different from his playmates. They were full-blooded Kaws and he had only a strain of Indian blood.

As a boy he loved the free life of his Indian kinsmen. After his grandmother sent him to his white relatives at Topeka he once returned to the Kaw reservation, having tired of the restrictions of the city in Topeka.

After being admitted to the bar in 1881, he became district attorney of Shawnee county, Kansas.

He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1892, serving continuously until 1907. Then came his appointment as United States Senator to succeed Joseph E. Burton, who had resigned. Upon the death of Senator Lodge, he was elevated to the post of Republican leader.

He was nominated as Vice President in 1928, winning with Presidential Nominee Herbert Hoover in the November elections.

Immediately upon his elevation to the Vice Presidency he served notice that he would not pursue the course of his predecessor, Charles G. Dawes, in his efforts to revise the rules of the Senate permitting unlimited debate.

As Vice President, however, Mr. Curtis has ruled the Senate with a firm hand, brooking no overstepping of parliamentary regulations.

Almost at the outset of his incumbency as Vice President, he gained nation-wide notice when he protested to the state department against the place accorded his sister and official hostess, Mrs. Edward E. Gann, below the members of the diplomatic corps at official social functions.

Secretary Stimson finally asked the diplomats to extend the courtesy of precedence to her and they agreed. The Vice President's sister then took rank second only to that of Mrs. Hoover, the President's wife.

Despite his 72 years, Curtis enjoys attending some social function almost every night. This enthusiasm for being among people expresses itself, too, in another way and one which harks back to his days as a youngster when he was a jockey. It is watching race horses as often as possible. He no longer rides, however.

An early riser, he is often at his desk after 8 o'clock, though there is little activity thereabouts before 10. He receives many callers, being more accessible than most high government officials.

Selma Stores To Close On July 4th

We have been asked to announce that the Selma business men have agreed to close their stores on July 4th in order to use that day as an annual holiday.

L. H. Hill Has Leased the Tom Edwards Barber Shop

Mr. L. H. Hill has recently leased the Tom Edwards barber shop and has associated with him in his new location Mr. A. J. Worrels formerly with the City Barber shop here.

Four Oaks Man Is Instantly Killed By Lightning

John A. Jackson Meets Instant Death When a Bolt of Lightning Strike Oak Tree Under Which He Was Sitting.

Four Oaks, June 29.—John A. Jackson, age 40 years, proprietor of a barber shop at Four Oaks, was instantly killed by lightning near his home Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock. He lived on his farm two miles south of Four Oaks. He had gone out into his field to assist his children who were planting some peanuts and was sitting on a bucket which had contained fertilizer, and had been turned bottom up, at the root of a large oak tree. A thunder storm was passing but it was a few miles away. There was a vivid flash of lightning, much bark was peeled from the oak tree, and Mr. Jackson was picked up dead.

The children who were at work less than 100 yards away were not hurt.

The man was supposed to have been sitting with his back resting against the trunk of the tree. Any way there was a strip several inches wide and extending all the way down his back where the skin was broken. There was also some sign on the back of his head, and about his ankles. His hat was demolished, his shoes were torn to pieces, and his clothing appeared to have been scorched by the heat.

The funeral service, which was in charge of the Junior Order, of which the deceased was a member, was held at Barbour's Chapel church at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and was conducted by Rev. L. C. Yearby, pastor of the Four Oaks Methodist church. Interment was made in the cemetery at Barbour's Chapel.

The deceased is survived by his wife and seven children, their ages ranging from about 17 years down to one year. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. W. E. Parker, of Smithfield; Misses Mollie and Lula Jackson, Mr. J. Q. Jackson and Mr. W. M. Jackson, of the Four Oaks section.

He was a man who provided well for his family, was a good neighbor, and a good citizen, and will be greatly missed.

CONFEDERATE PENSIONERS

From the office of State Auditor Baxter Durham at Raleigh there was mailed a few days ago pension checks to Confederate veterans and their widows amounting to \$446,317.

There are only 979 veterans left on the rolls who received \$178,667. There are 82 negroes on the rolls who acted as body servants during the War Between the States who received \$8,200.

Class A widows—those who are totally disabled—numbered 733 and received \$109,950 in pensions. Class B. widows, under which classification all other war widows come, numbered 2,990, and received \$149,500.

Sheriff Richardson Reported Seriously Ill

Smithfield, June 29.—Sheriff R. H. Richardson has been seriously ill for several days. Several days ago he was taken to the State Sanatorium for an examination. He was then returned to his home where he was confined to his room for a few days. Last Friday he was taken to a sanatorium at Asheville for treatment. His friends are hoping that he may be speedily restored to good health.

First Cotton Blooms From Near Smithfield

Smithfield, June 28.—The first cotton blooms reported here this year were found in the fields of J. W. Brady and N. C. Massengill, both of Smithfield, Route 2, on June 27. The bloom found in Mr. Brady's field was red, while the one found in Mr. Massengill's field was white, which shows that the bloom in Mr. Brady's field was open on Sunday, June 26th.

Nineteen steers on 14 acres of carpet grass and lespedeza pasture on the farm of E. E. Bell, in Jones county made gains of 1,633 pounds from May 11 to June 8, a period of 28 days.

Charges by Fountain's Aide Turn Spotlight On Race

K. R. Hoyle, of Sanford, Charges 25,000 Fraudulent Votes Were Cast In Western Counties in First Primary—Fountain Says He Knows Nothing of Reports—Reynolds Announces Itinerary For Second Campaign.

Raleigh, June 21.—Reports of charges of fraudulent voting in western North Carolina today pushed back into the political spotlight Lieut. R. T. Fountain's campaign against J. C. B. Ehringhaus for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Not since Robert R. Reynolds, Asheville, led dry Senator Morrison by 15,000 votes in the June 4 primary, has the gubernatorial campaign been the center of interest.

Fountain's announcement on the eve of the Democratic state convention here said he would seek a runoff race with Ehringhaus, who led him by 47,000 votes in the first primary, was overshadowed politically by the convention itself.

Informed of reports from Winston-Salem that K. R. Hoyle, of Sanford, described as a Fountain lieutenant had been quoted as charging 25,000 fraudulent votes were cast in counties west of Raleigh in the June 4 primary, Fountain said here he knew nothing "about it."

Beyond that the lieutenant governor declined to comment. He attended a rally of Fountain managers from 44 counties here today brought to the cheering point by a statement of Dr. J. Y. Joyner, former state superintendent of instruction that the July 2 gubernatorial contest will decide whether the government of the state will be in the hands of a machine or in the hands of the people.

Over in the Ehringhaus camp, however, Maj. L. P. McLendon, the manager, issued a statement charging the Fountain management has taken a leaf out of the Republican ledger.

For years and years the Democratic party in North Carolina has been successfully refuting such charges made by defeated Republican candidates, it said.

The last Republican charge of this character was described as George M. Prichard's contest against Senator Josiah W. Bailey. Ehringhaus was in Raleigh tonight after delivering a campaign address today at Henderson.

Meanwhile, the senatorial campaign was plugging along with less than two weeks left for oratory. Reynolds began a whirlwind stumping tour today with address this afternoon at Pittsboro and tonight at Sanford. His manager, John B. Hill, announced dates for 16 other talks which will carry Reynolds to the eve of the primary.

Senator Morrison's headquarters here announced a series of addresses to be made by Walter "Pete" Murphy, veteran legislator of Salisbury. They will begin tomorrow. J. S. Manning, Raleigh lawyer, and former attorney general spoke today at Fayetteville in behalf of Morrison.

It was said Morrison probably will not make any address until the final week of the campaign. The senator was in Washington today and is not expected back in North Carolina until the later part of this week.

Reynolds' complete itinerary for the balance of the campaign follows:

June 22, Louisburg in afternoon and Wilson at night.

June 23, Goldsboro and Mount Olive during day and Wilmington at night.

June 24, Elizabethtown in day and Fayetteville at night.

June 25, Hillsboro in day and Burlington at night.

June 26, Winston-Salem all day.

June 27, Lincolnton in day and Hickory at night.

June 28, Morganton in afternoon.

June 29, Kings Mountain in day and Gastonia at night.

June 30, Winston-Salem all day.

July 1, Murphy at night.

Reynolds will spend Saturday, July 2, primary day, at his home in Asheville.

Engagements announced for Murphy by the Morrison camp follow:

June 22, Scotland Neck, in day, and Roanoke Rapids at night.

June 23, Enfield in day and Tarboro at night.

Johnston County Criminal Court Now In Session

Hon. W. C. Haris, Superior Court Judge of Raleigh, N. C., presiding judge—Clawson L. Williams of Sanford, N. C., prosecuting for the State.

Petit Jury

R. L. Johnson, Lester Hales, S. A. Peedin, Wiley S. Earp, W. J. Lassiter, J. D. Aycock, E. J. Lassiter, Rex Brown, D. E. Poole, L. A. Wilson, J. T. Braswell, T. E. Lassiter, Noble G. Blackman, J. H. Whitley, W. C. Oneal, Chester L. Barnes, A. L. Coats, J. Lib Lee, Otho Gulley, R. G. Johnson, Sam W. Booker, W. D. Dorman, Wilbur Barnes.

Jurors excused: R. L. Johnson, A. L. Coats, J. D. Lassiter on Grand Jury, W. J. Aycock.

The following cases were disposed of:

State vs. Tony Williams, V. P. L. Plea of not guilty. Defendant without counsel. Jury sworn and empaneled. At the end of State's evidence, defendant made motion of non-suit. Motion allowed.

State vs. Julius Stanley, alias, Red Stanley and William P. Hicks. House breaking and larceny. Defendants being prosecuted in this case for the breaking and robbing of J. M. Beasley's store, the Four Oaks Drug Co., the store of N. L. Vann in Sampson County, and the store of Lewis Hare, Goldsboro, N. C. Defendants plead not guilty. Counsel for defendants, James Raynor, William Wellons, and W. I. Godwin. Jury sworn and empaneled.

State vs. Mack Murray. Secret assault. Called and failed. Judgment nisi scifa and capias. Continued.

State vs. Roland Smith. Larceny. Called and failed. Judgment nisi scifa and capias. Continued.

State vs. Oscar Hicks. Judgment made in this court in March, 1931 term.

State vs. Charlie Lane, for larceny. Called and failed. Capias Instant. Judgment nisi scifa and capias instant. Issued.

State vs. Lynn Pilkington for non-support. On motion of solicitor this case will be set on Friday, July 1, 1932, for trial.

Abdalla-Vinson Stores Co., Louis Abdalla and Maggie Abdalla, plaintiffs, vs. Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., R. L. Moore, intervenor. Order dissolving restraining order and denying prayer of plaintiff that restraining order remain in force until hearing.

In Re: Nathan L. Snipes, incompetent. Confirmation of order of Clerk of Superior Court allowing guardian to purchase an automobile from the funds of her ward.

State vs. Lee Love, for larceny from Luby Thornton. Not a true bill.

State vs. Josh Bunn, Arthur Bunn, Cleveland Bunn, and Wilbur Bunn, for secret assault on Marvin Price, March 30, 1932. A true bill.

State vs. Arthur Bunn for secret assault on Percy Flowers, March 30, 1932. A true bill.

State vs. Arthur Bunn, for resisting officer, March 30, 1932. True bill.

State vs. Thyra Bray, for housebreaking and larceny, store of N. G. Hinton, March 8, 1932. A true bill.

State vs. W. L. Sutton, for disorderly conduct. Nol pros. Not to allow any cost to attach.

State vs. Mrs. L. E. Ross, for disorderly conduct. Nol pros. No cost.

Tuesday, June 28, 1932.

Court resumed the trial of State vs. Red Stanley and William P. Hicks. Other proceedings:

State vs. Milton Williams and Berkeley Hamilton, for housebreaking and larceny, May 12, 1932, the house of T. O. Matthews. A true bill.

State vs. Everett Eason for housebreaking. Property of J. J. Johnson, March 13, 1932. A true bill.

State vs. Albert Puckett, alias Harry Gray, Thos. B. Johnson, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, on Ira Allen, May 9, 1932. A true bill.

State vs. Herman Byrd and Thadburn Johnson, for housebreaking and larceny, store of Medlin and Dorman, June 15, 1932. A true bill.

State vs. Napoleon Womack, for assault with intent to rape, Jessie Sanders, April 3, 1932.

Mr. J. B. Waddell, of Durham, and Mr. R. D. Waddell, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with their Pap, Capt. C. B. Waddell.

Selma and Smithfield Firemen At Barbecue

On Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, at the Selma Community building, on the spacious lawn under the stately trees, there was a most happy meeting for a chicken barbecue supper.

The Selma Fire Department, Mayor and Commissioners were hosts to the Mayor, Fire Department and Commissioners of Smithfield.

The meeting was of greatest harmony and good fellowship, the Menu consisting of barbecued spring chicken, and all necessary accessories including an abundant supply of the best lemonade.

The Smithfield guests brought with them their colored men, among whom was a very gifted quartet, who added greatly to the success of the occasion by their splendid and spirited songs.

Mr. Geo. F. Brietz, of Selma, was asked to speak on "The Real Value to the Towns of the Fire Departments," for their loyal service at all hours of the day and night regardless of weather conditions. He drew attention to the promptness with which they answer calls of the many citizens who attend the fires, but how few stay as long as the firemen stay, to see how much work they really do after others have returned home to their comfortable beds.

Judge W. P. Aycock was the next speaker of the evening, and in his usual happy style and manner, he spoke of the unselfish, and often heroic and often times very dangerous work done by the Firemen. He also spoke of the low salaries the firemen receive, and incidentally said he had never known a fireman to be called upon to fight his own fire always for others. The thought was advanced that it would be a fine thing to do, a mark of respect and appreciation if more civic organizations of our towns would invite our firemen to a dining of some kind, and also on nights after hours of fighting fires in freezing weather if some individual or organization would see to it that hot coffee was served, it would certainly be appreciated, and a mark of appreciation worthily bestowed.

The last thing on the program was the presentation of John Harris (colored) who had so ably cooked the barbecue chicken, a vote of appreciation was voted him.

In conclusion would say that such gatherings as these certainly mean much toward drawing these two neighboring towns in closer harmony and fellowship with each other.

AN INVITED GUEST.

AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

I wish to thank all those who voted for me in the first primary and bespeak your continued support and effort through the next one.

If the taxpayers of this county see fit to nominate and elect me, it is my intention to conduct the office of coroner in the most economical manner possible, consistent with efficiency.

EDWARD N. BOOKER, M. D.

Selma, N. C.

AMAZING RUTH.

Ruth Bryan Owen, having been beaten in the Florida primaries by 7,000 majority, announces that she will resign from the house of representatives December 1 because she doesn't believe that a member who has been repudiated by the district should continue to represent it simply because an archaic law permits.

Mrs. Owen has been beaten, but by this announcement she snatches out of her defeat a larger share of the respect of the country than she ever commanded in victory. Plenty of others have said they do not believe in lame duck Congresses; but here is a member who not only said it but told the truth when she said it. More than that, and stranger than that, here is a member of Congress who will not seize a personal advantage simply because it is legal to seize it.

We begin to believe that here is the first case in a generation of a resignation from the house being a genuine reason for regret.—Baltimore Evening Sun.