

WIRE PULLERS AT WORK

THE DELEGATES ARE ARRIVING

Messrs. Craig, Kitchin and Horne and their managers, Messrs. Kerr, Manning and Simms and Clark on the ground. Many of the State Leaders of the Democracy have landed and taken up the fight for their favorite candidate. The question of who will be permanent chairman being discussed. Messrs. Jarvis, Overman and Bellamy mentioned as candidates for the gubernatorial office. Candidates are hopeful. They give out statements. Many arrivals expected to-day.

Ribbons and buttons bearing "Craig," "Kitchin" and "Horne" began to appear in the city early yesterday. Every stranger one met was tagged. At the Selwyn, the Craig men predominated; at the Central, the Kitchin supporters, and at the Buford, the Horne followers. Every train brought in workers who went direct to the headquarters of their favorite and enlisted in the fight. Friends of other candidates came in during the day. Many well-known men of Salisbury appeared on the scene early and began to push the claims of their bright young man, Mr. Hayden Clement, for Attorney General. Judge B. B. Winborne, of Bertie, and Mr. W. C. Newland, of Caldwell, arrived before noon, and began a canvass of the field. Randolph county men opened headquarters at the Selwyn for Mr. W. P. Wood, their candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Major W. A. Graham, of Lincoln, Mr. C. C. Moore, of Mecklenburg, and Mr. R. W. Scott, of Alamance, who seek the office of Commissioner of Agriculture, are on the ground. Messrs. John B. Sherrill, T. G. Cobb, W. W. Wilson and W. W. Haggwood, candidates for Commissioner of Labor and Printing, are busy.

The wire-pullers of the gubernatorial candidates got in some good work yesterday and last night. Among the things discussed in the innermost circles was the question of permanent chairman. Late last night many persons predicted that former Governor T. J. Jarvis would be temporary chairman and that Senator Overman would head the permanent organization. There were other guesses. The selecting of the permanent chairman may have much to do with the result of the convention.

Messrs. Craig, Kitchin and Horne are in the pink of condition, and in the hands of their friends.

This promises to be a lively day. Many of the delegates will arrive and take up their abode in the city until something happens. Gov. Charles B. Aycock and Gov. Robert B. Glenn are expected to-day. Special and regular trains will empty vast throngs. Everything will be on the quiet vive for the convention which assembles tomorrow at noon.

MANAGERS MAKE STATEMENTS

The managers of the various candidates for Governor were visited by an Observer man last night and asked concerning the outlook.

Mr. J. P. Kerr, Mr. Craig's campaign manager, said:

"Since the delegates began to arrive I find the Craig men in the highest of spirits. They are more than hopeful—they are full of fight and determination, and I have yet to find the man who thinks Mr. Craig will not be nominated. One very noticeable thing among the Craig delegates is their elation over the signal victory Mr. Craig gained over Mr. Kitchin in their joint discussion in Charlotte. They find that the reports that have gone out over the State that Mr. Craig gave Mr. Kitchin one of the most thorough and genteel drubbings that has ever been handed out to an opponent in North Carolina are fully verified by the citizens here who heard the discussion, whether they happen to be Craig, Horne or even Kitchin men. The fact that Mr. Kitchin had boasted all over the State that Mr. Craig was afraid to meet him on the stump makes his friends all the more gratified that he made good in such a conspicuous way. They also call frequent attention to the boast of the Kitchin followers that their man was the only one who could not successfully meet any Republican who might be nominated for Governor, and say that this claim will hardly be repeated since the Person county man had been deprived of his reputation as a peacock feather and yellow jacket in such a decisive manner."

THE WEST DEMANDS RECOGNITION

"The Western section of North Carolina has made up its mind to have something from this convention," said a man from a far western county yesterday. "We have not had a square deal in the dispensing of offices at the hands of the Democratic party. We want Locke Craig, but if we do not get him we will want a western man, and we have been nominated for Secretary of State or Treasurer. If we do not get the Governor we should have both of these places."

This significant note was sounded by a man of influence in his part of the State and he was in a mood to say:

"The fifth congressional district has had its share of Democratic candidates and the four western districts demand something. You must not forget the west."

At present the State officers are filled as follows: Governor Glenn, from Forsyth (the fifth district); Secretary of the State, Mr. J. Bryan Grimes, of Pitt; State Treasurer, Mr. Benj. H. Lacy, of Wake; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Prof. J. Y. Joyner, of Wayne; all of the candidates for Corporation Commissioner are from the east, and the Insurance Commissioner is from Vance county. There will be trouble in the east. It is to have all the offices this year. The west will make a vigorous protest in the event that Mr. Craig is defeated for the first place on the ticket a candidate for Secretary of State and one for State Treasurer will be run out. These are developments of the last few days. Mr. Craig's friends declare that he will be nominated but they are prepared to offer other candidates for one or more of the more cherished State offices.

MR. MANNING IS CONFIDENT

J. S. Manning, campaign manager for Hon. W. W. Kitchin, states that Mr. Kitchin will win. He says that the convention at Charlotte Wednesday, the 24th of June; that there will be a spirited contest, but there will be no trial of physical force. Mr. Manning declared that the lead that Mr. Kitchin will have will demonstrate to the delegates representing the Democratic party that he is the choice of the Democratic voters of the State and that he ought to be nominated. In those counties in the State where there have been held ballot primaries, to-wit: Mecklenburg, Wake, Durham, Guilford, Forsyth, Bertie, Beaufort and Craven, Mr. Kitchin received an overwhelming majority of the votes cast. This should furnish ample evidence to the delegates representing the Democratic voters of the State that Mr. Kitchin is the choice of the people of North Carolina.

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LOCKE CRAIG.



WILLIAM WALTON KITCHIN.



ASHLEY GRAHAM.

The candidates for the high office of Governor of North Carolina. From this trio the Democratic State convention will pick a winner.

that the power and the only power of the Democratic party, is the great mass of the Democratic voters. They will should be the will of the delegates, and their will the delegates to the convention ought to voice.

"Mr. Kitchin's friends are coming to Charlotte in great numbers—they are coming to Charlotte to win, because they feel that they know that they represent the majority of the Democratic voters of the State. They will exhibit in the convention a loyalty undrained in the history of the Democratic party in North Carolina, and a fortitude and determination unequalled, with the certainty of Mr. Kitchin's nomination and that he will lead the Democratic hosts of North Carolina to as great a victory as was ever achieved in the State. I know that under his administration of the affairs of the State, every legitimate interest will be carefully guarded, every enterprise being to benefit the people of the State and to add to its prosperity, will be zealously encouraged, and every interest touching the public welfare will be justly, fairly and equitably treated by him, and the laws of the State faithfully and fearlessly executed."

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have been made which furnish the common enemy the strongest weapon against either of these men if he should be nominated by the party. The Republicans may only be guilty of the speeches and writings of either of these candidates and their friends to demonstrate that the other has been declared by Democrats to be unfit for the governorship of the State. Mr. Horne feared that the contest would come to this end. When invited to participate in the discussion last February at Wadesboro he declined because he was not a speaker and because he feared that a joint debate between Democrats would result only in adding the enemy. We feel happy in looking back over the contest to see that not a word has proceeded from Mr. Horne or, as far as we know, from any of his friends which would tend to lower the standing or darken the reputation of either Mr. Kitchin or Mr. Craig. No word has proceeded from us or from Mr. Horne which will give aid or comfort to the enemy no matter who is nominated. No breach in party organization can be attributed to our canvass.

"He goes into the convention with one hundred and fifty votes and he holds the balance of power. No man can be nominated without the votes of some of Mr. Horne's friends. They go into the convention without a second choice and content that the good of the State and of the party demand the nomination of their candidate. There are men of honor and they have not the slightest doubt that they will stick to Mr. Horne until the nomination is made, and if they do this the nominee will be Ashley Horne. We are betraying no secret when we say that Mr. Horne is the second choice of nearly all of the Kitchin delegates and nearly all of the Craig delegates. We feel that the friends of these two candidates are doing all they can for their friend, and seeing the hopelessness of nominating him, will go to Mr. Horne. We do not see how they can possibly go from Craig to Kitchin or from Kitchin to Craig and they tell us they will not."

"The logic of the situation as well as party necessity points, in our opinion, inevitably to the nomination of Mr. Horne. That he is worthy of the nomination we think the whole State now knows as a candidate he would have nothing to explain and nothing to defend. He would stand upon the Democratic platform as it is constructed and his personality would be a source of strength to the party.

"In conclusion, we think the situation is this: The nomination of either Mr. Kitchin or Mr. Craig would be the triumph of no faction and would result in party unity and strength. At least in party division and party weakness. On the other hand, the nomination of Mr. Horne would be a triumph of no faction and would result in party unity and strength."

LIVELY SPECULATIONS

Some lively speculations as to who will be temporary and permanent chairman of the convention are being made. It is pretty generally believed that Senator Lee S. Overman will be the temporary chairman and any one of three names Messrs. T. J. Jarvis, of Greenville, Pitt county; Paul B. Means, of Concord, Cabarrus; or John D. Bellamy, of Wilmington, New Hanover. The Horne men can name the permanent chairman as they hold the balance of power in the convention. Hugh G. Chatham, chairman of the State executive committee, will call the meeting to order and at the proper time call some one to the chair to act as temporary presiding officer. The committee on permanent organization will name the permanent chairman.

MANY SPECIAL TRAINS

The Southern and Seaboard roads have made ample provision to accommodate the incoming crowds. The first of the specials arrived last night, that of the Southern from Greensboro, where it made connection with No. 129 from Durham, Raleigh, Goldsboro and Intervening points. This special arrived at 11:55 and brought in the advance guards of the delegations which will arrive to-day, and to-night. Other specials over the Southern and Seaboard roads will arrive to-day and tomorrow. For the next two days roads will lead to Charlotte and all trains will have their objective point. Both roads have arranged to operate specials out of the city just as soon as the convention is over. This of course will depend upon the agents which will shape themselves later. This arrangement is in addition to the several specials which will be run out Thursday night in order to accommodate those who desire to return to their homes. In addition to the specials, all regular trains, commencing yesterday and continuing throughout to-morrow, will be equipped with extra coaches, sleepers and the like in order to provide every facility. Nothing will be wanting.

A special will arrive to-night from Goldsboro and points in eastern Carolina over the Southern which will doubtless be filled to its utmost capacity. This special train will leave Goldsboro at 2 o'clock this afternoon and if nothing prevents will arrive in Charlotte at 10:15 o'clock to-night. This train will be run as a special all the way.

To-morrow morning the Southern will operate a special from Greensboro leaving there at 6:30 and making connections with No. 1, which arrives at 9 o'clock from Durham, Raleigh and Goldsboro. It will arrive in the city at 10 o'clock.

BIG ASHEVILLE DELEGATION

The Southern's Asheville special will leave that city this morning at 8:30 o'clock and will arrive in Charlotte at 2. It is expected that this train will bring in at least 1,000 visitors. Special Pullmans will be connected with the regular trains coming in from Scotland Neck, Tarboro, Goldsboro and Raleigh. A big movement is expected in this afternoon from Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh and Goldsboro on No. 7, which arrives at 4:25 o'clock. This train will be provided with extra coaches in order to accommodate the multitude.

SOME OF THE VISITORS

Former Governor Thomas J. Jarvis of Greenville, will be the guest of Judge Armistead Burwell, on North Tryon street, during the sessions of the convention.

State Chairman Hugh A. Chatham, accompanied by his father, Mr. A. Chatham, and his brothers, Messrs. R. M. and Raymond Chatham, of Milan, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon. They are the guests of Mr. Paul

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