

SOME CONVENTION NEWS

CHARLOTTE GETTING READY

Dr. Hall and His Corps of Decorators Have the Auditorium in Fine Shape—A Thing of Beauty and a Joy Forever—Teddy Bears on the Scene—Taff and Sherman Portraits Adorn the Stage—Charlotte That May Be Presented to the Convention—Helena For Governor a Bare Possibility—Dr. Thompson Would Rather Have Nomination For Secretary of State—A. H. Price For Attorney General—Adams and Duncan Expected Saturday.

Charlotte is soon to be tested. It was a foregone conclusion that the Democrats who came to attend the State convention in June would receive the glad hand in an enthusiastic Mecklenburg county is decidedly on the side in its politics. Republicans have never prospered well here. But next week the town will seem with its Republican mobs—back from the Blue Ridge mountains, new recruits from Chatham, Moore, Cabarrus and Rowan, and Populist-Republicans—and one or more distinguished men from a distance. Charlotte will play host to the followers of Taff and Sherman. Always hospitable the people will be so next week.

"We are looking for a good time here," said a well-known Republican leader to an Observer man yesterday. "The boys were reluctant to come here but when the good citizens of your city sent that delegation to Greensboro and invited us as you did, we yielded and will be here in full force. We know full well what you can and will do. There will be several thousand men and women here. Lots of the delegates will bring their wives."

The Republicans expect Charlotte to do her utmost as she did for the Democrats. These in charge of the preliminary arrangements think that all things will be ready by the time the delegates arrive. The hotels are getting ready to room and feed as many as possible and private homes will be thrown open as they were in June. The Auditorium will wear its best dress.

DR. HALL IS AT WORK

Dr. Warren Vines Hall, that calculating wonder, with energy like a ferret, and the eye of an artist, is at work on the Auditorium. He is going to see that his brethren, the Republicans from Cherokee to Currituck—Manteo to Turtletown—have an attractive hall to meet in. Flags and bunting, Teddy bears, portraits and other legitimate means of ornament are being used to make the inside of the Auditorium attractive.

Early yesterday morning, as an Observer reporter stood at the scene, rubbering, he saw a small, stout man, with rosy cheeks and round face, wearing glasses, go out North Tryon street, toward the city hall, with his arms full of wee Teddy bears, white Teddies, some forty or fifty of them in all.

THE STAGE AS IT WILL APPEAR

"What are you going to do to the stage?" asked a reporter as he sat down by Mr. Hall.

"Leave it as we have it. What do you think of it? Look at that pastoral scene in the back ground! Isn't that fine and appropriate?"

THE GENERAL EFFECT

Dr. Hall's task is almost finished. He put on the last touches yesterday. Long festoons of red, white and blue spring from the iron columns that support and surmount the galleries to the top of the building. Through the centre run long streamers, with stars and stripes, in festoon effect. The centre streamer, running from front to back, is tri-colored. From gallery to gallery, in front of the stage, hangs a row of North Carolina flags. Here and there, at regular intervals, large and small Japanese lanterns swing from every point of vantage.

FOR SOME FEET. "I have found medicine America Salve to be the proper thing to use for sore feet, as well as for healing burns, sores, cuts and all manner of skin eruptions," writes Mr. W. Stone, of East Polk, Mo. "I have used the proper thing, too, for my feet. It has done me good."

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES

NAMES

Recently the names of A. E. Holton as a prospective candidate for Governor has loomed above the horizon of speculation. Mr. Holton has always been very wily and it may be that he is trimming his sails to lead the State ticket. But at present it looks as if Dr. Cyrus Thompson will be the man if he can be prevailed upon to have it. It is said, now, however, that he would prefer to have the nomination for Secretary of State. Charles French, Tom, of Hendersonville; J. F. Newell, of Charlotte, and J. B. Norris, of Wilkes, are spoken of in connection with the nomination for Lieutenant Governor. A. H. Price, of Salisbury, may be nominated for Attorney General. For electors-at-large Col. W. R. Henry, of Charlotte, and Mr. Marion Butler, of Elliot, are mentioned.

WILL MEET IN MONROE

Mecklenburg District, Convocation of Charlotte, to Assemble in Monroe To-Day and To-Morrow—The Programme.

Much interest is being manifested in the meeting of the Mecklenburg district of the Convocation of Charlotte, which will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church, Monroe, to-day and to-morrow. One of the principal topics to be discussed will be the work of the church Sunday schools and special effort has been made to secure the attendance of every Sunday school superintendent and as many teachers as possible. The programme and a circular letter follows:

First Day—8 p. m., preliminary services, evening prayer and sermon.

Second Day—9 a. m., Holy communion and sermon.

11:45—Reports of ministers and parochial organizations.

3:30—Conference on Sunday school work.

Reports of superintendents and discussion of same.

Discussion and exhibits of literature.

Grading of pupils—speakers to be appointed.

Musical speaker to be appointed.

The Bible class—Speaker, Mr. J. J. Parker.

The infant class—Speaker, Mrs. C. L. Hunter.

8 p. m.—Evening prayer and Bible conference.

Duty of parents to Sunday school work—Speaker, Rev. Francis M. Osborne.

Duty of grown people to Sunday school work—Speaker, Rev. R. P. Eubanks.

Establishing new Sunday schools and building up old ones—Speaker, Mr. Jas. Ker, Jr.

Summary and conclusion—Speaker, Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt.

MONROE, N. C., Aug. 19, 1908.

To the Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents in the Mecklenburg District of the Convocation of Charlotte:

Dear Sirs—The subject to be discussed at next meeting of the Mecklenburg District in St. Paul's church, Monroe, on August 19th and 20th (Wednesday and Thursday), is the work of our Church Sunday schools. Besides having every minister present, we are making a special effort to secure the attendance of every superintendent in every parish and mission of this district and we ask those to bring their teachers.

The same subject is to be discussed in the other District meetings of the Convocation, and will probably be a part of the programme at the meeting of the whole Convocation in the fall. In this way our part of the diocese will be thoroughly aroused on the subject and ready to co-operate actively with the Diocesan committee when it brings forward plans for a Sunday School Institute or any other plan for the improvement of our Sunday schools in the diocese.

St. Paul's Monroe, is ready to give free entertainment to all who come and we beg you to encourage one another to be present.

Send your name and write for further information to the undersigned committee.

Sincerely yours,

J. J. PARKER,

FRANCIS M. OSBORNE,

Committee.

CONSTITUTION UPHOLD HER

Negro Woman Who is Most Too Religious For Such a Naughty World Refuses to Make Oath in the Recorder's Court—Finally Makes Affirmation But With Pendant Right Hand.

The constitutional right to refuse to swear was exercised in the recorder's court yesterday morning for the first time in many and many a day. The person whose religious scruples forbade her to go through the customary form was not a Quaker either, but a literal Scripturalist nevertheless. Black her color and Sadia Dickey her name. She was called as a witness in the case of Will Moore, colored, who was charged with the murder of Lucy Williams in the dead of night and frightening her and the neighbors into conviction fits.

"Hold up your right hand and go on oath, Sadia," quoth the recorder. "The woman shook her head determinedly, superstitious fear in her eyes. "Use a member uv de church. De Bible say let your conversation be pay, yay and nny, nay, and I ain't gwine to swear in dis cote ner no udder," replied she.

The recorder attempted to persuade her and with soft words to reassure the one suspicious of a plot to ruin her character was at hand. But she refused to budge an inch.

There was nothing else for it, so the recorder bade her hold up her right hand and affirm that she was about to narrate the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Only when assured that the word affirm didn't mean swear did she consent, and even then her right hand gravitated where the attraction of gravitation put it.

RECRUITS FOR GANG

Road-Building Forces Increased by Several as Result of Yesterday's Court—Some of the Cases.

Many were the recruits which the county road forces received yesterday from Judge Justice's court. Nearly every case resulted in a conviction and when this was true his honor did not fail to slap on a sentence to the highway for from six months to a year, by way of a deterrent. The day was interesting throughout, simply because of the human interest feature inseparable from it and the many humorous situations which arise to ticks, even though in a refined way, the risibles of those gifted with a sense of the humorous in life.

Some of the morning hours were devoted to the adjudication of the case of the State versus Fred Douglas and Louis Plair. These two negroes were charged with robbing Arthur Wiles, colored, some months ago. The jury returned a verdict of guilty and a sentence of six months was given Plair and four months' work was allotted to his companion in evil doing.

The court came to the conclusion that Oakley and Ad Henderson were characterized by, and possessed of, a violent antipathy to work of any character whatsoever, mental, physical or moral. By way of setting their feet in the path which they should tread in order to reach the heights of respectability, they were given the trial of Rich Brumfield, a young colored man, who was charged with abducting \$2 belonging to Louisa Garrison, and \$1 from Henderson Query. Brumfield believed in the motto, "Every man his own talking machine," and conducted his case himself. The woman told of her grievance with much dramatic effect. Thick and fast came the volley of interrogations from the boy whom the proverb said had a fool for his client. He was fairly clever at dodging around, but he laid too much stress on technicalities and seemed to have no appreciation at all of the fact that the court would question more from the standpoint of equity than with regard to details. He admitted taking the money, but disagreed with the State's witness as to what he was expected to do with it. In both cases he failed to return with the expected and promised "change."

Mr. George Wilson May Build Apart-

It is stated on the best of authority that Mr. George E. Wilson will shortly commence the erection of several handsome apartment houses on West Third street, just in the rear of his beautiful home place on South Tryon. These apartments will be within three blocks of the square and will be situated in one of the most desirable residential localities of the city. They will be of modern construction, with all the latest conveniences, and as well equipped and furnished as skill and money can make them. Work on them will commence just as soon as the plans now being drawn are finished and the material placed on the grounds. These apartments will be even handsomer than those which Mr. Wilson is just completing on East Eighth street.

Complimentary Street Car Ride Post-

Owing to the severe thunder storm which blew up late yesterday afternoon, the complimentary street car ride, which was to have been given by the authorities of the Charlotte Electric Railway Company to the residents of the territory east of the city reached by the extension of the Elizabeth car line, had to be postponed. It will be pulled off this afternoon, if the weather permits, the car leaving The Pines, on East Seventh street, at 5:30 o'clock. Stops will be made at convenient intervals in order to take on passengers who desire to partake of President Latta's hospitality. The ride is of the nature of an introduction of prospective new patrons to the street car system to the various lines stretching over the city.

Carried to New York For Special

Treatment. Mr. Girard Wittson, of New York, a son of Mr. S. Wittcosky, who has been seriously ill at the home of his parents on North Graham street for the past month, was taken back to New York last night for special treatment. Mr. Wittcosky and Mr. Albert Wittson accompanied him.

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Oak Dale Union Picnic. Oak Dale Union No. 119 will have a farmers' union picnic rally August 25th at Oak Dale school house, six and one-half miles west of Charlotte, in Paw Creek township. All farmers are requested to bring their families and a big basket of dinner and spend the day. A great effort is being made to have this an interesting as well as beneficial day for those who attend.

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