

ADAMS SUES THE BUTLERS

LIBEL PROCEEDINGS BEGUN.

Chairman Spencer B. Adams Institution of the Court Against Ex-Senator Marion Butler and His Brother as Result of an Article Published in Caucasian...

Observer Bureau, The Beville Building, Greensboro, Aug. 22.

Judge Spencer B. Adams, chairman of the Republican State executive committee, today instituted suit in the Superior Court of Guilford county against ex-Senator Marion Butler and his brother, Lester F. Butler, for libel.

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CALLS BUTLER WHITE-LIVERED TRAITOR.

"There is nothing new in these slanderous charges. The public by this time understands that they emanate from a disreputable traitor who has not only betrayed his State but every party and every person with whom he ever affiliated.

"The State convention of our party meets this morning. You will recall that prior to every convention Butler undertakes to slander me and besmirch my character. It will be remembered that, just prior to the last State convention in April, he started the report that one Rosenwinkle had furnished the Secretary of the Interior with a letter setting upon me and that Congress was going to investigate the matter.

"The mere suggestion of a rumor adverse to the integrity of your court, without any person alleging facts injurious to you, is not to be wondered at. I have seen no reason why you should feel any further concern about it.

"The statement that the Senate committee on Indian affairs had refused to adopt a resolution drawn by Senator Clapp exonerating you of wrongdoing is not true. No such resolution was acted on and Senator Clapp, I know, circulated no such report as I am.

"Your very respectfully, ROBERT L. OWEN."

"Muskoos, Aug. 17th, 1908. Honorable Spencer B. Adams, Greensboro, N. C."

RAILROADS FILE ANSWER

ASSOCIATIONS PROMOTE TRADE.

Southeastern Railroads Answer Complaints Against Increase in Rates on Grain and Grain Products From Ohio River Crossings to Southeast.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The railroad companies operating in the southeastern territory today filed their answer before the Interstate Commerce Commission to complaints which have been brought against the advance in rates on grain and grain products from Ohio river crossings to the south-east.

SENATOR OWEN'S LETTERS.

"I also have two letters from Senator Owen, Democratic Senator from Oklahoma and himself part Indian, as follows:

"Dear Mr. Adams: I have your letter of June 23, 1908, relative to the so-called charges made against the Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Commission...

SUEZ ROUTE CASE.

This ruling, it is stated, has been made in several cases, notably in that of the China and Japan Trading Company, involving rates on cotton and goods from India to China and Japan.

COMPETITION NOT SUPPRESSED.

The defendant railroads allege that during the year 1904 dissatisfaction was expressed by shippers at Atlanta as to rates to that point from the Ohio and Mississippi river crossings, it being alleged that they were out of relation to rates to Birmingham and Montgomery, Ala.

WILL NOT INJURE CONSUMING PUBLIC.

The railroads deny that the commodities involved in their increase of rates are entitled to lower rates than other commodities, and that the advance would be more than small and reasonable, and declare that the increase will not seriously or at all disturb existing trade relations or injure the consuming public.

IN SERVICE OF DEMOCRATS.

"Butler has been industriously engaged in trying to procure charges and in circulating slanderous reports against me for years past. He is always particular, however, to try and cover his tracks by getting behind some irresponsible person. I sincerely believe that he is in the secret service of the Democratic party and in co-operation with his partner of old, R. F. Pettigrew, of South Dakota.

"Yes," was the emphatic reply of Judge Adams. Under our statutes it is necessary to give the paper certain notice. This notice has been repaid and no time will be lost in bringing the suit.

"I happen to know the Caucasian is published by a corporation and that L. F. Butler, who is a brother of Marion Butler, and the manager of the paper, filed a sworn statement about a month ago in which the officers of the corporation institute suit against Butler, president, W. A. Guthrie, of Durham, vice president, and W. H. Worth, of Greensboro, treasurer. The directors are: W. H. Worth, W. A. Guthrie, Marion Butler, W. F. Strawn, A. C. Shuford, Hal W. Ayer and J. E. Lloyd.

CAMPAIGN IN NEW YORK

DEMOCRATS PLAN HOT FIGHT.

Candidate Bryan and Chairman Mack and His Assistants Lay Plans For a Strenuous Campaign in the Empire State—Reports From That State Give Strong Hope and With a Few Speeches by Mr. Bryan, Leaders Believe the Democrats Can Hold On a Victory—Mr. Bryan Will Also Look After the Middle West While Mr. Kern Will Be Sent to the Pacific Coast Region.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—William J. Bryan will make a determined effort to place New York State in the Democratic column. Plans to this end were carefully laid to-day at a three-hour conference of Mr. Bryan, national Chairman Mack, heads of the various bureaus of the national committee and members of the executive committee at Democratic national headquarters shortly after Mr. Bryan's arrival here from Des Moines.

WEST VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND.

West Virginia and Maryland were taken up and Senator Culbreth, chairman of the advisory committee, who has been spending the summer in Maryland, informed Mr. Bryan and the committee that West Virginia and Maryland would in all probability be found in the opinion of those taking active part in the committee's deliberations that the most effective campaign for Mr. Bryan to make would be to deliver a series of lectures in the principal States, speaking only in the principal centers and then to carry the fight to West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and New York State.

MANY COMING FROM ROWAN.

Republicans Yesterday Named Delegates to State Convention and Selected Date For Primaries and County Convention—Full Ticket Will Be Put On.

Observer Bureau, 421 North Main Street, Salisbury, Aug. 22.

The Rowan county Republican convention to name delegates to the State convention at Charlotte, next Wednesday and select a date for holding the primaries, was held in the town hall in the court house at noon and was presided over by Capt. John A. Ramsay, ex-Mayor E. A. Long, of East Spencer, was secretary. All townships were represented and the township committees got together and made out lists of delegates to Charlotte. However, all Republicans who attend are to be recognized as delegates. The executive committee met in the town hall at 10 o'clock Friday, September 11th, as the date for holding the county primaries and on Saturday, the 12th, the convention will meet in the court house to nominate a full ticket and elect a chairman and executive committee.

HOLTON VERY BITTER.

Abusive Speech Made by Nominee of Randolph Republicans For a House—Full Ticket Nominated.

Asheboro, Aug. 22.—The Republican convention held here to-day nominated George E. Staunton for the Senate, John Hughes and C. L. Holton for the House, Horace Ragan for sheriff, A. C. Coltrane for register, Sam Swain, Newton Allen and Joe Thorburn for county commissioners, Dr. D. J. Johnson for coroner and J. F. Routh for surveyor.

WEST POINT CADET'S FATE

TWO DISMISSED; SIX SUSPENDED.

Secretary Wright, With President Roosevelt's Approval, Passes Sentence on the West Point Cadets. Cadets Russell and Weaver, First Class Men, Are Ordered Dismissed and the Others Are Suspended Without Pay For One Year—President's Approval of the Action of the Eight Cadets, But Superintendent Scott Asks For More Drastic Punishment—Suspended Cadets Are Under the Authority of the Army Regarding Their Suspension.

SANDERS RAISES A STORM

MALION BUTLER IS ASSAILED.

Convention of Stanly County Republican Electors When Resolution is Introduced to Change Plan of Party Organization in State—Attorney Zeb Sanders Holds Over With Eloquence and Villifies Marion Butler—Chairman Campbell Replies to Him and Josephus Daniels Not Only Taught Social Equality but Practiced It.

CONVENTION AT DALLAS.

Gaston Republicans Meet and Nominate L. M. Hoffman for the Senate and J. Alonso Rhyme for Sheriff—Full County Ticket Named. Special to The Observer.

Dallas, Aug. 22.—The Republican county convention was held in the court room here to-day. John A. Smith, of Bessemer City, was elected chairman of the convention, and Mr. E. Grant Passeur, of Gastonia, secretary.

ALEXANDER TICKET "WET."

Mr. Linney Acts As Temporary Chairman and Has Some Characteristic Remarks to Make—County Instructs For Him For Governor—He Would Like to Challenge Mr. Kitchin in a Political Discussion.

Special to The Observer. The Republican county convention was called to order in the court house at 2:30 o'clock to-day by the county chairman, Z. X. Smith. Messrs. W. J. Starnes, C. C. Rink, were called to act as temporary secretaries.

TAME AFFAIR AT LOUISBURG.

Meeting of Franklin Republicans Yesterday Without Any Special Feature—The Convention Met in the Opera House Here to-day. There were no new faces but more of the G. O. P. than usually attend the conventions was on hand. Willis T. Harrington, who ran as an independent Democrat against the regular nominee for county treasurer at the last election, occupied a front seat.

BUTLER ADDRESSES SAMSON COUNTY REPUBLICANS, WHO NAME TICKET.

Special to The Observer. The Republican county convention was held here to-day and the following ticket was nominated: For the House, J. T. Kennedy and B. H. Crumpler; for sheriff, D. O. McPhail; for register of deeds, Hinton Maxwell; for treasurer, Thomas E. Owen; for coroner, J. P. Parker; for surveyor, Arthur Lee; for commissioners, J. E. Peterson, W. Faircloth and I. L. Jackson.

DAVIDSON WILL HAVE A GOOD OPENING.

Special to The Observer. The outlook for a fine opening for the college is very bright. The first session begins Wednesday, September 23. Not only are all the dormitories on the campus engaged, but practically all the available rooms in the village have been spoken for. Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Little, the newly appointed financial agent, with his family, is expected to take up his residence at Davidson about the middle of September.

WILKES CONVENTION SEPTEMBER 14TH.

Special to The Observer. A convention of the Democrats of Wilkes county is called to meet at Wilkesboro Monday, September 14th, at 10 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating two candidates for the legislature and candidates for the various county offices and for the transaction of any other business as may properly come before it. The different township chairmen will call their township meetings to elect delegates to the county convention and nominate township officers.