

THE GAZETTE

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

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Nearly a dozen cotton seed oil mills have been started in this state this spring and summer.

The fisheries department having wrestled with the question "is the lobster a fish?" is now trying to decide whether frogs are "fish or game."

Congress should pass a law forbidding the marriage of any American girl to a titled foreigner without the sanction of a two-thirds vote by that body.

The kilkenny orders of "statesmen" are not so numerous in the south as the rest of the country seems to imagine.

A lawyer up in Wisconsin has drafted a bill for the legislature providing that every fisherman shall, under pain and penalty of the law, register the weight of every fish caught by him that weighs more than a pound.

Not long ago J. P. Morgan broke his well known habit of taciturnity to express himself on the subject of poker, a game which he emphatically condemned as "un-American."

The days when "pounding the pulpit cushion" was considered essential to eloquence in a preacher have gone by, therefore when the Rev. Mr. Sweet of Passaic, N. J., indulged in violent gestures and with a sweep of his hand knocked a large and valuable vase containing cut flowers off the pulpit, it is perhaps not surprising to learn that the congregation tittered.

"BRIGHTEST DAY OF REPUBLICANISM"

Continued from first page) state, regardless of party affiliations, the candidacy of the Hon. Thomas N. Hill of Halifax for chief justice of North Carolina is hereby endorsed, and we, the republicans of the state in convention assembled, do earnestly recommend him to the people of the state for this high office.

Resolved further, that it is the sense of this convention that no nominations for associate justices be made at this time but that the executive committee hereafter is empowered to take such action in relation to the same as shall seem best.

Col. V. S. Lusk made a powerful, brilliant and witty speech in support of a non-partisan judiciary and in favor of a co-operation with the independents throughout the state, who are fighting the democratic machine.

CAPT. PRICE'S SPEECH

At the evening session Captain Price addressed the convention in part as follows: "In so far as the personnel of the convention is concerned, I have seen assembled in North Carolina no such body of men as I see before me now. I see before me men of the greatest eminence in our state in the professions, distinguished and successful business men, working men; all of these convened in harmonious action, looking in one direction, the achievement of the success of republicanism in our state. I have not, my friends, taken a very active part in politics for the last few years, but I have been very much interested in the last twelve months at the outlook in North Carolina. It looks to me that now the time has come when we can discuss questions from an economic standpoint, and whenever a republican

now, gentlemen of the convention what have we got? In the first place, we have got the best looking set of men I ever saw. As I have said before, what will you say when you go back home? You will say in such convention has ever met in the state before, and I tell you I have seen a good many long faces today. The democrats, they would like to see us get mad at one another and raise a row. What else do I see? I told Mr. Lincey today that I saw one hundred and fifty men who had never looked into a republican convention before. You contrast the two conventions. What was the kind of convention that met here a few weeks ago? There was great discord. There was nothing agreed upon. Everybody was dissatisfied and went home dissatisfied. What did they see? They saw that the star of democracy was going down in North Carolina because they had no issue; they had nothing to present. What have they got to present? I challenge any man to tell me what they have got to present. Well, they said imperialism was an issue. What does that mean? The purchase of the Philippine Islands. Whose influence secured it? It was the influence of the candidate for the presidency of the United States, W. J. Bryan himself. Now, as I said before, my fellow citizens, what have they got to go on? They have got nothing. What did they do here? Whom did they put at the head of the ticket at the convention that met here a short time ago? I don't want to say anything disrespectful of a justice of the supreme court of North Carolina, a man that I served with in the army. I don't want to say anything against him, I'll tell you what he did; he did what I would not do; he did what you would not do. What is that? He accepted a nomination on a ticket with two other gentlemen running for the same office, and then he had served with them, for no purpose in the world but to gain political advantage, undertook to have these men impeached. There was no charge of corruption against either one of these gentlemen. It was disavowed by the impeachers themselves. He got it up; he started it, and he did it for the purpose of being appointed the successor of Chief Justice Pugh, thinking that that would secure his nomination in the coming convention. Thank God there were men in North Carolina who would not submit to that! There was ever a purer man in North Carolina than Justice Pugh, and I saw the same for his associates. They did nothing but their duty; they had decided that case for which they were impeached as 27 other cases were decided.

The caucus resolution endorsing Judge Hill, etc., was passed almost unanimously. Daniel A. Long was nominated for superintendent of public instruction, Dr. D. H. Abbott was nominated for corporation commissioner. The following were nominated for judges of the Superior court: E. W. Timberlake, fourth district; W. S. O'B; Robinson sixth; H. S. Sewall, eighth; A. L. Coble, tenth; Henry R. Starbuck, eleventh; R. H. McNeill, thirteenth; O. V. F. Blythe, fourteenth; C. E. Mashburn, fifteenth; Bayliss Cade, sixteenth.

THE PLATFORM

The committee on resolutions, through Zeb Vance Waiser, reported the following platform, which was adopted unanimously:

"The republicans of North Carolina, in convention assembled at Greensboro, on the 28th of August, 1902, adopted the following as a declaration of principles upon which they ask the support of the people of the state:

"We deplore and deeply mourn the death of President McKinley. His Christian character, noble impulses and patriotic spirit have done more to strengthen republican institutions than any other agency which has been employed in modern times and his life and work will prove a tower of strength to the Christian religion and to official integrity and fidelity for all time to come.

"While we deeply mourn the loss of our beloved president, at the same time we appreciate the fact that in President Roosevelt we have a president whose honesty of purpose and patriotism are such as to assure us that the affairs of the American people are in safe keeping and his faith in the principles of republicanism is such as to guarantee a faithful adherence to those things that have made for this republic the splendid reputation which it now has as a world power.

"We endorse the national platform of the republican party, adopted at Philadelphia, and point with pride to the unexampled prosperity which a republican administration has brought to the country at large.

"Fifth. Intelligence being the cornerstone of the education of the masses, and their education being dependent solely upon our public schools, we favor support, by public taxation, of at least a four months school in every school district in the state, and we condemn the democratic party for its failure to provide proper educational facilities for the education of the poor children of the state during its lease of power from 1870 to 1895.

"Sixth. We favor generous public aid to all charitable institutions of the state, and the enactment of such pension laws as will give the ex-Confederate soldiers a more generous and equitable distribution of this fund than is provided for by the present pension laws.

"Seventh. We favor such state legislation as will encourage the investment of capital, both foreign and domestic, and we respectfully invite capitalists from abroad to come among us and assist in the development of our wonderful resources.

"Eighth. We invite the attention of the people of the state to the clean, able and economic administration of our state government by the republican and populist parties from 1897 to 1901, and challenge a comparison of it with the present reckless management of our affairs by the democratic party.

"Ninth. We arraign the leaders of the democratic party as false to every pledge made in the last campaign.

"Tenth. They promised to reduce expenses, and, instead of doing so, they have increased expenditures in almost every department of the state government.

"Eleventh. They promised to curtail, rather than increase, the number of

offices, and instead of doing so they have increased the number of judges and solicitors from 12 to 16, and have made other increases by providing for the employment of clerical help that has not heretofore been deemed necessary under similar circumstances.

"Twelfth. They promised to reduce salaries, but, instead of doing so, they have increased the governor's salary during his term of office, in violation of the constitution, and have provided many ways by which the people are today taxed far in excess of any they have heretofore had to pay.

"Thirteenth. They promised to reduce taxation, and, instead of doing so, they have legislated so that our taxes have increased within three years in the sum of \$380,419.97.

"Fourteenth. They promised to reduce expenditures, and, instead of doing so, in three years they have increased expenditures in the sum of \$1,088,545.

"Fifteenth. They promised by affidavit and in other ways that no white man would be disfranchised under the amendment to our constitution, but, instead of observing their pledge with respect to this matter, the democratic state chairman is now forced to admit that 18,000 white men will be denied the right to vote at the approaching election.

"Sixteenth. We condemn them for their unwarranted effort to impeach two of our supreme court justices for purely partisan purposes, and because of their action in following the precedent established by the supreme court of this state in a long line of decisions covering a period of more than sixty years.

"Seventeenth. We further condemn them for the enactment of legislation appropriating the money of the people for the purpose of defraying the expenses of persons indicted for the violation of laws which they had sworn to obey and for granting amnesty to such persons from prosecution in the state courts.

"Eighteenth. We declare that when the constitutional amendment was adopted by the people of North Carolina, two years ago, it passed out of the realm of politics, and that if Governor Aycock, Senator Simmons and others keep faith with the people in the pledges they made, there can be no such thing as a race issue in the present campaign.

The platform was cheered and the following resolution was unanimously adopted: The republicans of North Carolina, in convention assembled in the city of Greensboro, on the 28th day of August, 1902, resolve:

First, That we recognize in Senator J. C. Pritchard one of the ablest senators from the south, and point with pride to his great career in the senate; that he is the unanimous choice of the republican party for United States senator and that we call upon all the people of the state, irrespective of party, to aid us in returning him to that post where he can so ably serve his people.

Second, Resolved, That we most heartily endorse the course of Hon. J. M. Moody and Hon. Spencer Blackburn in congress, and pledge ourselves to every honorable effort for their return.

Senator Pritchard was re-elected chairman of the new state executive committee. Col. Harry Skinner was called on for a speech just before the closing of the convention, at 11 p. m., and spoke briefly on the national issues and the causes of national prosperity.

Battery Park Dance The midsummer dance at the Battery Park which occurred last night was a brilliant affair and largely attended. The costumes of the ladies were especially handsome. A large number of fancy favors were given and the german had several leaders. Refreshments were served at 12 o'clock.

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