

Goldsboro Weekly Argus

This ARGUS o'er the people's rights,
Doth an eternal vigil keep

No soothing strains of Maia'sson,
Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep"

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GOLDSBORO, N. C. THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1900.

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KITCHEN WINS.

He is Nominated For Congress By a Large Majority on the 120th Ballot.

An All-Night Session, But Spirited and Harmonious Throughout the Session.

The Largest Convention in the History of the District.

The Democratic convention of the Second Congressional district, composed of the counties of Bertie, Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Lenoir, Northampton, Warren, Wayne and Wilson, as previously announced, convened in the Messenger Opera House in this city yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and was called to order by the chairman of the District Executive Committee, Mr. W. A. Dunn, of Scotland Neck, who in stating the purpose of the convention took occasion to speak at length and forcibly on the great issue of the impending State campaign—the constitutional amendment, and his remarks were from time to time roundly applauded. He then, in generous words of merited praise, presented to the convention its temporary chairman, our popular and eloquent townsman Mr. W. T. Dortch, who was greeted with prolonged applause, and who on taking the chair made one of his characteristic thrilling speeches, which so captivated the great body of enthusiastic Democrats composing the convention that at its conclusion he was, on motion, unanimously elected permanent chairman, and throughout the long and tedious deliberations of the convention he made a most efficient presiding officer.

The committee on credentials reported no contests and determined the vote of each county, giving an aggregate of 291 votes to the district.

The committee on platform and resolutions, through its chairman, the gallant Capt. Swift Galloway, of Greene county, reported as follows, and the same was unanimously and enthusiastically adopted:

"By the Democratic convention of the Second Congressional District, assembled at Goldsboro, May 24, 1900, be it

"Resolved, That we pledge our allegiance and devotion to the principles enunciated in the platform adopted by the Democratic National convention at Chicago in 1896, and in the platform adopted by the Democratic State convention at Raleigh April, 1900.

"Resolved, That we see in the recent unseating of the Hon. William T. Crawford, the duly elected representative of the Ninth Congressional District, by the vote of Geo. H. White, the negro representative from this, the Second District, a new illustration of the dangerous power of the negro vote in North Carolina, and we hereby pledge the people of our State that we will do our full duty towards righting that wrong to the Ninth District, and that disgrace to the Second."

Pending the absence of the committee on Platform, Col. Thos. W. Mason was vociferously called for and in responding made one of his noted great speeches, that never fail to enthrall his audiences and knit their hearts closer to this

"noblest old Roman of them all."

Immediately upon the adoption of the Platform nominations were called for, and the names of Messrs. F. A. Woodard, of Wilson, Don. Gilliam, of Tarboro, Claude Kitchen, of Scotland Neck, and Col. R. B. Peebles, of Northampton, were placed before the convention amidst wild enthusiasm from their respective adherents.

The nominating speeches occupied more than an hour, all the candidates being strongly presented. Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer, of Northampton, nominated R. B. Peebles; W. E. Daniel, of Halifax, named Claude Kitchen; H. G. Connor, of Wilson, presented the name of Fred A. Woodard; L. V. Bassett, of Edgecombe, nominated Donnel Gilliam. The nomination of Peebles was seconded by C. W. Mitchell, of Bertie; that of Woodard by Dr. E. G. Moore, of Lenoir; that of Gilliam by James Wood, of Wayne; that of Kitchen by Henry Boyd, of Warren.

Mr. L. V. Morrill, of Greene, also seconded the nomination of Mr. Woodard in one of the best speeches of the convention.

It is needless to recount the recurring ballots that lead up to the final and decisive vote. Our readers can judge for themselves of the heroic struggle of each candidate's adherents by the steady session of the convention all through the weary, slow-plodding hours of the night until the 120th ballot, at 5 o'clock this morning, which determined the contest and gave Claude Kitchen the nomination over his only remaining contestant, Don Gilliam, by a vote of 192½ to 98½; Messrs. Woodard, first, and afterwards Peebles, having withdrawn from the contest in graceful speeches that did credit to themselves and justified the stoic fealty with which their friends supported them to the moment of their withdrawal.

Several other gentlemen of the district, Grainger, Galloway and Mason, were complimented at times, during the deadlock, with votes from several counties, but results were not thereby deflected.

When Chairman Dortch's gavel fell after the announcement of the final ballot, and he declared Kitchen the nominee, the wildest enthusiasm prevailed and as it at length quieted the chair recognized Mr. Powell, of the Edgecombe delegation, who with beaming enthusiasm, born of Democratic fealty, moved to make the nomination unanimous, which was immediately done.

Mr. Kitchen was then ushered before the convention and received with unbounded applause, and his graceful speech of acceptance enthralled him at once in the hearts of his great audience.

To say that he will be elected in November is already a fact beyond the possibility of contradiction.

Mr. T. C. Wooten, of Kinston, was elected presidential elector for the district, and the following were elected as the executive committee of the district:

Bertie—A. S. Roscoe.
Edgecombe—H. A. Gilliam.
Greene—Geo. W. Sugg.
Halifax—E. L. Traylor.
Lenoir—J. W. Grainger.
Northampton—W. H. Joyner.
Warren—Dr. L. J. Picot.
Wayne—Joseph E. Robinson.
Wilson—Geo. W. Connor.
After the adjournment of the

convention the Executive committee met and unanimously elected Mr. Jos. E. Robinson chairman, and Mr. E. E. Britton, of Wilson, secretary.

Thus concluded the greatest convention the Second district has ever known.

Oratory at Kansas City.

Washington Times.

There seems to be even a livelier contest among Democratic orators for the honor of presenting Mr. Bryan's name to the Kansas City convention than among the Republican orators for the honor of presenting Mr. McKinley's name at Philadelphia. Of course, the choice of eulogists in both cases will be left to the men who are to be eulogized. At last accounts Senator Spooner had been selected to present Mr. McKinley's name at Philadelphia, though before the convention meets this part of the programme again may be changed. The orator most frequently mentioned as Mr. Bryan's principle eulogist at Kansas City is the Hon. William Joel Stone of Missouri. The relations between Bryan and Stone are known to be very close, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. The Missourian is very cordially disliked by many of the party leaders in his state, this antipathy being due mainly to jealousy of Stone's rapid rise. Some of the Missouri members of congress are now conspiring with Stone's rivals for the honor indicated, and it is said that Mr. Bryan would be amused by their conduct if they were not so annoying in their persistent "knocking" of Stone. As an orator Stone has few equals and no superiors in the country. He is not as fluent or as polished as Depew or Bourke Cockran, but in the elements of earnestness and intensity he is the superior of either of these famous spellbinders. His admirers predict a very notable effort if he is permitted to make the principal nominating speech at Kansas City.

A MILL BOSS MURDERED.

J. L. Odell Stabbed by Hope Davis, a Discharged Operative.

Charlotte, N. C., May 25.—News reached here this afternoon of the killing of J. L. Odell at Bessemer City, N. C., to-day.

Odell is boss of the weave room of the Southern Cotton Mills. Last Wednesday an operative, Hope Davis, was discharged. This afternoon Davis returned to the mill and was ordered out by Odell. Davis returned the second time, and was again ordered out. Words followed, Davis cursing Odell, who made a pass at Davis. Davis drew a knife, stabbing Odell in the neck, and then ran to the woods in an effort to escape. Odell started to a drug store, but fell before he had gone many steps, death resulting from the wound. Sheriff Love, of Gastonia, has gone to the scene of the murder with blood hounds. Great excitement exists, and there is much talk of lynching Davis if he is caught.

Odell is a nephew of J. M. Odell, of Concord, and is well connected, his wife and four children living in Salisbury. One son was with the father at Bessemer City. Odell was about thirty eight years old. Davis is a son of Rev. E. Davis and is only twenty one years of age. At last accounts Davis was still at large.

"Yielding to the persuasion of my dealer, I changed chill tonic and tried ROBERTS', and found it the best I ever used, and shall in future continue its use."—W. H. Corpore, Jamestown, N. C., to The Roberts Drug Co., Suffolk, Va., August 14, 1899. 25c. per bottle. Look for the red cross.

METHODIST TIME LIMIT.

In the Methodist church, North, a minister could heretofore stay with a congregation five years; in the Methodist church, South, he can still stay, if the congregation be so minded, four years. Nominally the power of placing ministers is lodged in a bishop; but in reality the particular congregation selects its minister, and the presiding elder and bishop proceed to "O. K." the selection.

The Northern Methodists have now taken off the time limit altogether, so that if a congregation so desires it can keep a minister who is not of a migratory nature all the rest of his life, provided of course, the bishop who presides over the particular conference does not exercise autocratic power. It may be that the bishops of the church North will club together and adopt a policy that will modify to some extent the abolition of the time limit. They will say, perhaps, that a popular and successful preacher shall still move occasionally; but any autocratic action on the part of a bishop would certainly be resented by a congregation that was much attached to a minister.

The departure of the church North is almost revolutionary. Wesley desired a change in a pastorate every year, and Wesley's idea was adopted by the early Methodists in this country. The term was, however, gradually lengthened to five years, and now it may be fifty years. Under the new rule the country churches of the Northern Methodists may as well bid good-bye to the best preachers, for they will soon be permanently domiciled in the cities. This is, however, the case at present, for by the system of transfers from one conference to another a brilliant preacher is never without a wealthy, if not fashionable, city charge. The mixing up of preachers that Wesley desired has long been dead. In the evolution of Methodism from its primitive stage wealth takes its pick, and the rural districts take the remainder, and no bishop dare interfere to make itinerancy what Wesley desired to be.

THE ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.

It is now expected that Congress will adjourn upon June 6, after the date of adjournment has been fixed, by joint resolution, it is always possible to extend the session if necessary, but there is no reason now apparent why Congress may not dispose of all the remaining business of the session within two weeks. The members are all naturally desirous to get away, either to their own business or to the political business of the summer, and there never is any public objection to an early adjournment.

It has not been a particularly eventful session and many things that might have been done, or that were expected to be done, must go over for the present. This is not generally a cause of regret. The legislation actually necessary to keep the various departments of government in active operation has been or will be supplied, and beyond that too little is usually to be preferred to too much.

THE VOTE IN VIRGINIA

Larger Majority Than Expected For the Constitutional Convention

Richmond, Va., May 25.—The vote in Virginia yesterday on the constitutional convention question was full of surprises. In the first place, it was carried by a larger majority than was expected, and in the next place some of the largest majorities against the measure was in counties where the white vote largely predominates. The heaviest opposition was in the Ninth district comprising the southwest counties. Where the negroes took part at all they voted against the measure.

The cities and towns gave a good vote in favor of the convention and largely overcame the opposition in the rural districts. The majority of the convention will probably reach 15,000.

In view of the handsome victory the question of calling a special session of the legislature to put the measure into effect is under discussion. There is general opposition to taking any action in the matter until after the Presidential election, but it is likely that a special session of the legislature will be called shortly after that date, probably in December, the regular time of the meeting of the legislature at its biennial session.

The Republicans of Jackson ward, the only ward in the city where the Republicans made a fight, are claiming this morning that they were defeated by fraud and that they actually carried their ticket by 200 votes. Richmond's majority in favor of the convention was 4,259 out of a total vote of 5,259.

McKINLEY'S NAME.

Ohio Senator Says He Will Make the Nominating Speech.

Columbus, Ohio., May 25.—Senator J. B. Foraker said to-day that he would present the name of President McKinley to the Philadelphia convention for renomination. Mr. Foraker placed Major McKinley in nomination in the St. Louis convention in 1896.

TO SETTLE IN THE SOUTH.

Inducements to be Offered to Leave the Transvaal

New York, May 26.—The Evening Post says today:

"A movement is on foot under the supervision of several of the large railroads of the South to induce the Boers to settle in certain sections of the South. The general prevalence of the belief that the war in Transvaal can last but a little while longer has given an impetus to the project to encourage settlement in some of the Southern States of those of the Boers who will not submit to reconstruction under English domination.

It is reported in railroad circles that definite plans are being shaped to further the possible exodus of Boers to this country.

Neeley has revived memories of the noble carpetbagger of reconstruction days.

Buller is trying to reach the home plate after the stress of the game is over.

INTER-STATE TOURNAMENT.

Cap. Jas. D. McNeill Writes Interestingly of Wilmington's Big Event in July: Attendance Will Be Large.

Special Star Correspondence.

Fayetteville, N. C., May 25.

EDITOR STAR:—I have just returned from Charlotte, where we had one of the most successful inter-State firemen's tournaments on record. This event is only preliminary to the big one in your city in July, when the North Carolina State Firemen's Association will hold both a State and inter-State tournament.

The attendance at Charlotte was naturally restricted on account of the large majority of the State teams preferring to wait for their association event, as was shown by only Asheville, Greensboro and Goldsboro sending visiting teams, whereas Asheville, Charlotte, Concord, Salisbury, Spencer, Greensboro, Winston, Salem, Durham, Raleigh, Goldsboro, Wilson, Rocky Mount, Newbern, Kinston, Tarboro, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville and others will be in Wilmington.

The visiting firemen from Columbia, Sumter, Charleston, Greenville, Camden and Newberry in Charlotte were a splendid set of fellows and the writer in the name of your city extended to them a cordial invitation to meet with us in July, which was unanimously accepted and every assurance given me that they would certainly be with us. Several other South Carolina departments have also assured me of their coming, and I can now confidently assure your people that they may rely upon the largest attendance of visiting firemen ever before at a State tournament, which I would also say means that you will more than probably have the largest attendance of visitors that Wilmington has ever been called upon to entertain.

I well know the reputation that your city and your people have for being clever and hospitable to the strangers within your gates, but I am really beginning to fear that the firemen and our visiting friends are going to overpower your capacity to afford shelter to all of those who are not used to sleeping in the open air. The attendance at Charlotte was but an evidence of what Wilmington may expect. I only hope that some of your enterprising citizens were there to be inspired by the occasion. The Charlotte firemen will be with us in full force, and are enthusiastic over making the July event as successful as their own most certainly was.

We are coming, Friend Bernard, several thousand strong, so get your kitchens in order.

Yours respectfully,
JAS. D. McNEILL,
Pres. N. C. S. F. Association.

Children behave when out as they behave at home.

And still no one mentions the returning Otis for running mate.

Out in Montana they have a great deal of politics to the acre.

Mr. Edison will have to look to his laurels.