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THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

WILLIAM J. BRYAN AND JNO. W. KERN THE NOMINEES.

The Largest and Most Enthusiastic National Convention Ever Held in the United States—The Democrats are More United Than in Years—The Platform All Right.

Probably the largest and most enthusiastic political convention that was assembled in this nation was held in Denver last week, when representative Democrats from every State in the union met together to nominate a ticket for the people to vote for at the coming November election.

The attendance of delegates and visitors was very large, some reports placing it at over sixty thousand.

Our readers are not interested in the preliminaries of the convention, therefore we will content ourselves with giving the results.

It was a foregone conclusion that W. J. Bryan, the great Commoner and defender of the People's Rights, would be the nominee of the convention, as it was very plain that the people, for whose interests he has been battling for many years, were for him. He had opposition, of course, but when the delegates came together and compared notes, the most of them almost rolled over each other to vote for Bryan, recommending him on the first ballot by over three fourths majority. The only votes against him were for "favorite sons" of one or two States.

That sterling Democrat and upright gentleman, John W. Kern, of Indiana, was unanimously nominated for Vice-President.

There are a large number of the big newspapers of the country, as well as thousands of prominent men of the United States, who did not support Mr. Bryan before, but who are now giving him their loyal support. This speaks volumes, and with the satisfactory platform to the business interests of the country and the chances greatly favor the triumphant election of Bryan and Kern.

County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners met last Monday, in accordance with law, to hear complaints, regarding the valuation of taxes, and to attend to such other business as might come before them.

There were comparatively few complaints, and the Board gave a patient and full hearing to those few made.

E. W. Morris and I. H. Kearney were appointed to investigate the complaint of J. H. McGhee, with respect to act.

Dr. P. R. Hatch made complaint that his property in Youngsville was valued too high. After an explanation from the Lister regarding the additions to buildings, etc, the Board decided to let the assessment stand as returned in by the Lister.

The valuation of land of Lee Wilder in Franklinton township was reduced from \$10 to \$8 per acre.

The request of J. N. Perry for a reduction of the value of his land, on account, as he claimed, of damage by water, was not granted.

The assessment of Mrs. S. E. Vick's land in Franklinton township, was allowed to stand as it was.

The property of A. S. Strother in Louisburg township was reduced from \$1,750 to \$1,500.

R. N. Strickland, in Cypress Creek, was relieved of poll tax for 1907, being over age.

Supt. E. N. Williams was ordered to take Mrs. Joe Hodge to County Home.

Claims to the amount of \$702.28

were allowed and Board adjourned to next regular meeting.

Protection to Firemen.

Winston-Salem, N. C., 7-11, 1908

MR. J. L. PALMER, LOUISBURG, N. C.
DEAR SIR:—Please find enclosed check No. 261 for twelve and sixty-100 dollars (\$12.60) in payment of voucher No. 4 for \$14.00 less 10 per cent which by the laws of the association goes to the general fund. With best wishes, I remain,
Yours Truly,
R. C. TAYLOR, Treas.
N. C. S. F. Association.

In explanation of the above letter I will say that this was received by Mr. J. L. Palmer, a member of Louisburg Fire Department No. 1 who had his knee sprained at a fire drill and by the accident was compelled to lose 7 days from his work. This shows the benefit of our company belonging to the State Association. In any and all cases where a member of our company belongs to the State Association and he is injured while performing any duty as a fireman the State Association pays to the injured fireman \$2.00 per day as long as he is kept from his work by said injury.

S. P. BODDIE, Foreman.

Mrs. Francis A. Smithwick.

On the 17th, of April this good woman suddenly passed from earth into the spirit world, in the 74th year of her age. She was the oldest daughter of the late Turner and Betsy Allen, of the Axtell neighborhood, and spent nearly her whole life in the community where she was born.

A few years before the war between the States she was united in marriage to the late Robert Smithwick. To them were born seven children, one of whom died in early childhood, and six of them survive, viz: J. Walter Smithwick, of this county, Dr. Daniel T. Smithwick, of Louisburg, Hugh A. Smithwick, of the State of Washington, Mrs. Sallie Perry of Western North Carolina, Mrs. Mary Pender of Winston, and Mrs. Cora Boyd, of Polkton.

About thirty-five years ago her husband died, and she and her children were left alone to fight the rough battle of life. Heroically she undertook the arduous task, and nobly persevered, overcoming apparently insurmountable obstacles and achieving remarkable success.

Mr. Smithwick's royalty to her country was a distinguishing characteristic of her life. During the Confederate War, while many other women whose husbands were in the army, were looking to the government for partial support she was supporting her family by her own efforts, and gladly complying with the law which required one-tenth for the support of the government. She said that her greatest joy was found in contributing to the support of the Confederate government.

After her husband's death, finding herself involved in debt, she and children by the labor of their hands, paid every penny of an obligation which would have discouraged many a man; at the same time largely increased the value of the estate.

It early life she made a profession of religion, and was baptized in Warrenton. Shortly afterwards she united with Brown's church, and

lived and died a much loved member of that body.

She left to represent her in the world six noble sons and daughters, and having served God and her generation well, she died leaving to her children the priceless heritage of the most remarkable woman that I ever knew. May He who has promised comfort the bereaved ones.
T. J. TAYLOR.

In Memory of Calvin Benton.

We the members of Central Cross Lodge No. 187, A F & A M, desire to pay our respect and record our sense of the deep loss we sustained in the death of our friend and Bro. Calvin Benton.

He was born in Sandy Creek township Franklin county N. C. August 2nd, 1825, and passed to his eternal reward in Cypress Creek township, on Monday evening May the 18th, 1908.

Brother Benton from his youth until death was a citizen of Franklin county and his life is an open book. At the age of nineteen he won for himself a help meet through life and on Nov. 17th, 1844, married and begun life with many bright hopes.

At the age of thirty two he was found with that great mass of heroes battling in that great conflict between the states. He too like Stonewall Jackson, was deep in his convictions and always stood firm for what he believed to be right. As a soldier he was ever faithful courageous and always ready to perform the full measure of his duty. At the close of the war heretofore to his home and friends full of life and hope and entered into farming and made a success. On June the 13th, 1869, he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Central Cross Lodge No. 187, A F & A M., and for more than forty years he was a zealous mason, true to his Lodge and true to the Grand Lodge of N. C.—he having attended twenty three annual communications of the Grand Lodge in succession.

He was a devoted husband and a kind and loving father, and as a Mason he will be greatly missed. The working tools of this life have now dropped forever from his nerveless grasp and he can gather no more around our common Masonic altar but his abiding faith in the redeeming power of Judah's Lion, assures us that he has been called into fellowship with that Celestial Lodge above where the supreme architect of the Universe presides.

Resolved first, that Central Cross Lodge No. 187, A F & A M is deeply sensible of the great loss it has sustained in the death of our lamented Brother and it grieves that he has thus been taken from us, but it bows in humble submission to the will of him who doeth all things well.

Resolved 2nd. That we tender to the grief stricken family our heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

Resolved 3rd. That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Lodge and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and that these resolutions be sent to the Orphans Friend, and FRANKLIN TIMES, for publication.

B. S. RICE,
R. B. HARRIS,
A. H. EDWARDS,
Committee.

A Card of Thanks.

We want to thank our friends through the columns of the TIMES, for their kind services, and loving sympathy rendered us during the sickness and death of our little baby.
MR. AND MRS. W. J. COOPER.

—The editor has been presented with a fine Plymouth Rock Cockerel by Mr. Melvin Strickland, who is making a specialty of this excellent breed at his poultry farm in this county. The parents of the fine one sent the editor came from the Vanderbilt.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Miss Francis Jones, of Raleigh, is a guest at the College.

Mr. W. M. Jackson is visiting his brother in Wake county.

Mrs. Sam Young, of Raleigh, is visiting Mrs. W. H. Macon.

Miss Kittie Foster left this week to visit relatives in Scotland Neck.

Miss Mamie Dent, of Youngsville, is visiting the editor's family.

Miss Lil High left yesterday morning to visit friends in Greensboro.

Miss Susie Macon left Tuesday to visit friends at Lawrenceville, Va.

Mrs. W. E. White left Wednesday for Atlanta, Ga., to visit her sister.

Rev. E. H. Davis and family, of Goldsboro, are visitors at the College.

Mr. J. R. Collier returned Friday from a week's stay at Virginia Beach.

Mr. A. A. Clifton returned this week from a week's stay at Virginia Beach.

Mrs. S. B. Nash and children returned one day this week from a visit to Wilson.

Mrs. Nat Debnam and children, of Wake, are visiting relatives in and near Louisburg.

Mrs. D. G. Pearce and two children returned home from Ocean View, on Saturday last.

Mr. C. K. Cooke and Dr. J. E. Malone made short business visits to Raleigh this week.

Mrs. E. S. Ford and children returned this week from a visit to her people in Johnston.

Mr. W. H. Ferguson and wife returned a few days ago from a visit to relatives in Granville county.

Mr. A. F. Johnson and family, who have been visiting his people in Rocky Mount, returned home Tuesday.

Misses Ollie and Hattie Floyd returned on Tuesday from a visit to relatives and friends in and near Oxford.

Mr. Leslie L. Allen, whose headquarters for the past year has been in Birmingham, Ala., is on a visit to his people near town.

The editor had a pleasant call one day this week from his friend J. A. Vann, who is "still with his house" and travels over several States.

Mr. A. C. Hughes, of Apex, and Mr. E. J. Ragdale, of Fuquay Springs, were among the visitors in Louisburg during the past week.

Mr. W. B. Leonard, who holds a position with the Geo. A. Rose Co., of Henderson, passed through this week to visit his people in Sandy Creek.

Mr. W. H. Waddell returned this week from Baltimore, where he went to consult an eye specialist. He has nearly lost the sight of one eye, but the specialist gave him some encouragement.

The editor had a pleasant visit yesterday from Mr. Samuel Faulk, who is still with the Harriet Cotton Mills, at Henderson. Glad to learn that he is doing well, and that he "can't get along" without the TIMES.

Mr. B. B. Perry, who was, a few weeks ago operated on at St. Vincent's, Norfolk, for appendicitis, returned home last Friday, and his friends will be delighted to know that he is gradually, but surely recovering.

Measrs. E. C. Barrow, W. F. Beasley, W. M. Person, T. T. Terrell, W. J. Barrow, B. G. King, Capt. P. G. Alston, and others whose name our reporter failed to get, went on the excursion to Portsmouth on Tuesday.

Mr. T. W. Bickett took his family to Wrightsville one day this week, where they will spend about two weeks before going to the mountains for several weeks. Mr. Bickett will return home the latter part of this or the first of next week.

Their host of friends here are greatly pleased to shake the hands of Dr. W. R. and Mr. Joseph Clifton, of Waco, Texas. They arrived Tuesday morning, and will probably be in the county three weeks. It is a pleasure to their friends to know that they have succeeded so well in their adopted home in the "Lone Star State."

The TIMES, in behalf of the community, extends a cordial welcome to Mr. B. T. Bailey and family, of Greenville, N. C., who arrived last Friday. Mr. Bailey will be the Auctioneer for the new warehouse of the Franklin Mutual Tobacco Co., and he comes highly recommended as being one among the best. He has secured the "Upperman place" on Nash Street, recently vacated by Mr. R. C. Beck, who has taken rooms at Lancaster's Hotel.

Coming Back Home.

We learn that Mr. H. E. Hight, who has been with the American Tobacco Company at Durham, has given up that position and will return to Louisburg to take a position with Mr. C. B. Cheatam. This will be gratifying to Mr. Hight's many friends. The editor always likes to see them "coming back home."

Mr. Jesse Fulghum Dead.

The death of Mr. Jesse Fulghum, a prominent citizen of Cedar Rock township, occurred on Thursday night of last week, at his home. The cause of his death was heart disease, and he died sitting in his chair. The deceased was 63 years of age, and leaves a wife and several children, nearly all of whom are grown, and a number of relatives and friends. The remains were laid to rest on Friday afternoon with Masonic honors, the deceased being a member of that order.

Quite a number of the members of Louisburg Lodge attended.

Children's Day Pic-nic.

The Sunday school of Flat Rock church will have their annual picnic at the church on Saturday, July 18th, to which all of the friends of the school are cordially invited. Prof. J. B. Carlie of Wake, and Mr. B. T. Holden, of Louisburg, and probably others will make appropriate addresses.

Won't Have a Water-Wagon Then.

While a Durham preacher was expounding the gospel according to the text, What shall a man give in exchange for his soul, etc., a fire alarm sounded and his congregation grew restless. Knowing where the fire was, the preacher said, "You people who have homes out there can go, and you who haven't any interest at this fire had better stay here and prepare yourselves against the big fire that's coming some time when you won't have a Durham fire wagon or water to put it out!"

Notice Confederate Veterans.

The members of R. M. McKinney Camp 1327, and all other Confederate Veterans in Franklin county are hereby notified that General J. S. Carr, Commander of North Carolina Division Confederate Veterans, has issued an order for a reunion of old Veterans at Winston-Salem, on Wednesday and Thursday, August 19th and 20th, 1908. In pursuance of said order all old Veterans are notified to meet in the Court House in Louisburg on Friday August 7th 1908, to arrange for attending said Reunion.
H. C. KRANNEY, Commander.

NEGRO FOUND DEAD.

KILLED BY FALLING POLE FROM OLD BARN.

Geo Cooke a Respectable Negro the Victim—Coroner and County Physician Examined Body—No Inquest Necessary.

Geo. Cooke, an old and respectable negro living near Flat Rock church, in Youngsville township, left his home early last Saturday morning, and failing to return in a reasonable time, his people became alarmed and began a search for him. He was found lying near an old barn on his premises, about ten o'clock and upon examination he was found to be dead.

The news was brought to town on Sunday morning and Coroner Taylor, in company with Dr. R. F. Yarbrough, the county physician, went to the scene. A thorough examination was made, and there being no evidence or suspicion of foul play these officers decided that a Coroner's inquest was unnecessary.

It was very apparent that the deceased was killed by a falling pole which he was endeavoring to pull off of an old barn. The sign of the lick was left upon his forehead. As stated George was killed by nearly everybody in the neighborhood, and the members of his family were satisfied that he came to his death in the way stated above.

Religious Notice.

Rev. John N. Cole, of Raleigh, will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist Church in Louisburg, on next Sunday, morning and evening. Everybody cordially invited.

Sunday School Convention.

A Sunday School Convention will be held with the Christian church at Youngsville next week, beginning Tuesday and running through, Thursday. Hon. W. W. Kitchen will address the convention on Wednesday.

Checks Grip And Colds.

In conversation with The Boddie-Perry Drug Co. we learned today of a novel little Candy Cold Tablet called "Prevention." It seems that the name—known by druggists every where as "Preventics"—was given those effective little tablets because of their ability to promptly yet safely prevent or head off Colds and the Grippe. Physicians say there would never be a case of genuine Pneumonia if early colds were uniformly broken. This being true, a convenient, meritorious, candy-like tablet like Prevention, that will promptly check colds and the Grippe is worthy of more than passing attention. We sincerely hope that Prevention will continue to fulfill their intended mission and that they will continue to successfully battle against the Grippe and all colds.

WALL STREET AND TAFT.

The Wall Street bankers are evidently going to put up a record breaking campaign fund for that great and good man Taft, although he would rather they would not be so public about it. Isaac Seligman said just before leaving for a trip to Europe that prosperity will follow the election, if Mr. Taft is President. He believed that "American politics will see the greatest victory for the Republican party that it ever has known."

Of course, this great Republican victory, if it materializes, will be followed by a still greater prosperity for the Wall Street interests, or they would not be so enthusiastic about it. No wonder the Republican leaders refused to allow the Publishers bill to pass the Senate and refused to endorse publicity of campaign contributions in their national platform.