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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

Hon. Charles A. Reynolds Elected National Committeeman Hon. W. G. Bramham, Of Durham, Named New State Chairman

JUDGE TIMBERLAKE NOMINATED FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE.

1,000 Republicans from the Mountains to the Sea, as Representatives of the Republican Party in N. C.

Yesterday, April 12th, was a Republican day for Winston-Salem and was made so by the gathering of representatives from all over the State to the State Convention of the Republican Party, which this year had chosen the biggest and best city for its headquarters.

The gates of the city stood wide open and the delegates came by hundreds, until fully one thousand had registered their names on the convention rolls. And it was a gathering of which every Republican had reason to feel proud and that the interests of the party are entrusted to such a fine body of citizens whose interest and welfare of the Old North State they have ever at heart.

The streets and the hotels were virtually alive with these visitors and it was both a privilege to meet and greet them. The citizenship is so broad, regardless of political affiliation, in extending every courtesy, and make the sojourn, brief as it was, as pleasant as possible, and we are sure that every delegate will carry away the spirit of goodwill made manifest on every side. And we are glad that an opportunity was given them to see Winston-Salem in its working clothes, a capital evidence of what has made it a leader in population and industrial activity of the municipalities in North Carolina.

Our guests found that the stranger is always welcome, and that many having for the first time seen our city, its people and its industries, that they will come often as time and opportunity permit.

Hundreds of the delegates are subscribers to the *Union Republican* and thousands to week through its columns. The touch with this city, as well as the matters of interest which we endeavor to print. As an instance, one prominent delegate has been a subscriber for 20 years, another 10, and so on, and in one sense they are not so strangers as it all, but friends of long standing and whose names, if not their faces, are familiar.

The gathering of one of the leading parties in a State Convention signifies much in that by and through it policies are framed and adopted which stimulate activity by their opponents and activity which means gives the people an opportunity to choose which they deem best for the interest and welfare of the State. The platform adopted by the Republicans yesterday stands clear and distinct. It outlines the policies of the party in the campaign which will fall and should be read and studied by every voter for there is much to be learned and dissatisfaction in this State existing under existing conditions. If the policies of the Republicans meet these needs, then vote your sentiments accordingly at the election in November. As we travel in the same old groove, we can not hope or expect any relief. We want to be more of a business people than politics. A heavily taxed and burdened people and in all these conditions existed, there are many attendant dissatisfactions.

The convention opened its session in the Auditorium promptly at 11 o'clock, and every available space was occupied, and delegation in groups of counties were being seated in the Congressional District. There are 100 counties and 10 Congressional Districts. Throughout much strict attention and much interest were manifested in the proceedings.

State Chairman Charles A. Reynolds called the convention to order. Mr. Reynolds is 73 years old and both his voice and physical vigor are remarkably well preserved for one of his years. He is a veteran in the Republican ranks, he is a recognized leader, and for many years has given much of his time, as speaker, writer and the interest of the party. His "Justice" letters in the *Union Republican*, need no comment from us. They speak in clear and plain language for themselves.

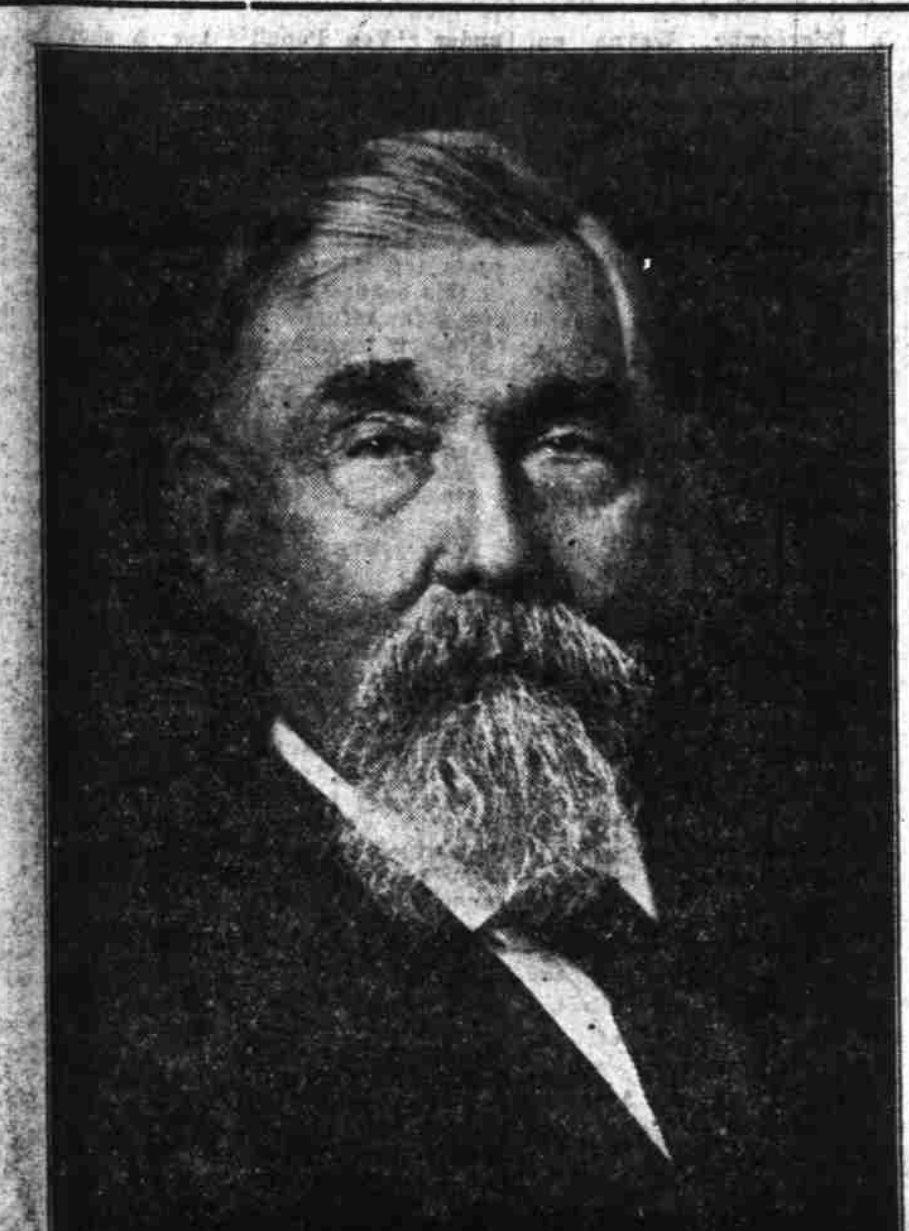
Quite a number of ladies were present, some as delegates and others as visitors. They occupied seats on the program and their presence and interest were daily appreciated.

H. A. Brown opened the convention with the following PRAYER.

"Almighty Father, we acknowledge



WILLIAM G. BRAMHAM, STATE CHAIRMAN.



HON. CHARLES A. REYNOLDS, NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

Next came the roll call, and it was found that every county was represented. In some counties there was no primary held but representatives were present. There was but one contest—Rowan county. There was considerable discussion over the contest. It was a case of Kohlos vs. others. A credential committee was then appointed to take up the contest and report.

During retirement of the Credential Committee, Mr. Gaskell, of Cumberland county, addressed the convention. He suggested plan and propositions for obtaining the Australian ballot and a fair election law. He suggested co-operation even with the Democrats to obtain this end, and by that means only can we ever carry the State. Under the present election system, absentee voter law, etc., no matter how many votes the Republicans cast, the Democrats always have the majority.

He was followed by Hon. J. J. Parker, who moved for a permanent organization.

Mrs. Thomas Settle-Sharp asked that the permanent organization be postponed until we could hear a few words from Mrs. J. L. Patterson, who said first that she was not accustomed to talk before so many men, it had been her privilege heretofore to talk to one man. Her plea for women, their votes and their interest in the Republican party, was full of sound logic and spiced with rich and spicy humor. She said that over 6,000 of the women had been in political bondage, but had gotten in the ship of State, had burned the bridges, were there to stay, and if Republicans wanted votes, they should elect more delegates next time. That women were organized at home, in church, in rural and civic life and were now ready to bring order and better organization to the Republican party. The Democrats were drilling their women into political activity and it was time that the Republicans were doing the same thing.

Permanent organization was then effected by Hon. J. J. Parker, nominating Hon. J. J. Britt, of Asheville, permanent chairman. Upon motion Mr. Britt was unanimously elected. He briefly addressed the convention, outlining the policies of the Republican party and what has been done for the nation and what is being done at the present time. His comparison of Wilson and his League of Nations, and President Harding and his Peace Conference was given in strong and emphatic terms and to the praise and everlasting glory of President Harding, Secretary Hughes and the Republican Senate, which endorsed it and made for the world a universal peace, the hope and dream of ages, since the coming of the Prince of Peace two thousand years ago. His summary of Republican achievements, Panama Canal, the accomplishments of the 67th Congress, measures without number, were convincingly given, despite the do-nothing claim by the Democratic press and speakers, claims that they can not substantiate. As to State matters, the platform, will tell what the policies of the Republican party are and what they propose to do if placed in power in contrast with the high taxation, waste and extravagance of the present Democratic

administration. To the revaluation force he paid due respect. He did not charge corruption, but extravagance and waste. To the absentee election law he paid due respects as a method of fraud and which the Democrats did not hesitate to use as was shown in the election of a Congressman in Western North Carolina, and who lost his seat by this same absentee voter law.

In conclusion, he said we had a golden opportunity and the Republicans should use it. Stand as honest partisans and for honest elections and show the people of the State that by Republican economic policies, a change in the State was essential, very imperative.

At this juncture, Mr. Whitener introduced a resolution expressing hearty thanks of the convention for courtesy extended by the hospitable people of Winston-Salem, which was unanimously adopted.

A platform committee was appointed, Messrs. Butler, Bramham and Parker, who retired to formulate a platform.

Nomination for Associate Justice came next in order. Mr. Whitener placed the name of Judge E. W. Timberlake, of Wake county, in nomination. Mr. Kurfess, of Stokes, seconded, the nomination. Judge Timberlake was unanimously nominated to succeed the late W. R. Allen.

A committee to revise the Plan of Organization was appointed in the persons of Hon. C. A. Reynolds, W. G. Mebane and John M. Morehead.

Nomination for member of Corporation Commissioner was in order. J. R. McCreary was nominated, but declined. Mr. C. M. Hoover, of Davidson county, was nominated. Mr. Hoover was nominated by acclamation.

Secretary Grissom read a letter to the convention, in which Hon. J. M. Morehead tendered his resignation as National Committeeman. Mr. Morehead appeared and stated his reasons therefor. It was not on account of patronage, nor desire for office higher up. Here is his address of resignation in full:

Convention:

The Secretary has read to you my resignation as your National Committeeman.

I ask your indulgence for a very few minutes, because I think some explanation of my action—some word of appreciation of the honors conferred upon me by the Republicans of North Carolina, is proper and becoming on my part and is your due.

I have been imprompted by the press for a statement as to my intention in the premises but I have refrained from discussion of the matter, believing that any statement I had to make should properly be first made to you.

It has also pleased some of the Democratic editors and correspondents to attribute my action to various causes, but they are all far afield.

The stress incident to the selection of candidates for appointment has no bearing upon this resignation, nor am I quitting for a position higher up.

While there has been, most naturally, a great deal of correspondence in connection with the disposal of the offices, happily there is in our plan of organization a well defined policy and procedure set out that makes it no very arduous task to reach conclusion and transmit the decision of the local authorities to the proper quarters in Washington and this system has been carried out and has been effective with the possible exception of the whole three cases.

The only truth of the matter, gentlemen, is simply this—

For more than fifteen years I have been actively and very personally associated with the Republican politics of the State.

This personal participation and activity has always been distasteful to me and violates every inclination of my nature.

It is an absolute truth that I infinitely prefer being a private in the ranks rather than to occupy any position within the gift of the people or the party.

I have been moved to this activity, however, by the very firm belief that the principles and tenets of the Republican party stand for the greatest good to the greatest number, and that Republican success in the nation is synonymous with peace, plenty and prosperity, and that election law—honest elections—without which proper government cannot exist.

Believing that, I held it a duty to do what I could in my feeble capacity to bring about a consummation so devoutly to be wished.

Another element that has kept me in the field is the personal obligation incurred during these years to the many friends and supporters who have made me whatever I may have been politically.

Perhaps a third factor in the situation has been the very human attribute of endeavoring to sustain my position when under attack.

My political hide is covered with patches and scars from several such incidents, but thanks to as loyal and as true friends as ever honored any man of any State or of any party, thanks to you, gentlemen, you Republicans of North Carolina, I have weathered these political gales and I come now to the haven of retirement and rest.

I would be less than a man and derelict to my great privilege did I not upon this occasion thank you from the bottom of my heart, for the conspicuous honor and consideration you have always extended to me.

I do thank you, gentlemen, most cordially and most sincerely, and I account it no small achievement to have enjoyed, as I have enjoyed, the confidence and respect of as fine a type of citizenship as this or any other State can boast.

To the end of my life, I will entertain the deepest gratitude and appreciation of your support and the confidence you have reposed in me.

Concluding, my resignation does not at all mean that my interest in Republican success wanes. I pledge my every effort in that regard, but it does mean that I ask to do this in private capacity. You and your organization are respected and recognized in Washington.

It will be my very good pleasure to introduce the gentleman you nominate

today wherever introduction in official papers is necessary and to clothe him with a power of Attorney from me until such time as the next national Republican convention in the National Committee.

And so, gentlemen, I retire from the stage and yield place to a better man who I am entirely confident, with your help will carry the banner of the Republican cause to ultimate success in our Grand Old State.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Credential Committee was composed of the following gentlemen:

1st. Dist. Elmer Jackson.

2nd. Dist. J. T. Pope.

3rd. Dist. C. R. Wheatley, Chm.

4th. Dist. J. W. Hardin.

5th. Dist. C. D. Cobb.

6th. Dist. J. C. Spody.

7th. Dist. J. T. Privette.

8th. Dist. G. B. D. Reynolds, Secty.

9th. Dist. D. B. Paul.

10th. Dist. V. E. Grant.

Report of Credential Committee regarding the contest from Rowan:

"Your Credential Committee beg leave to report as follows:

That we have examined the Credentials and the witnesses and other evidence of the Contestants and Respondents of Rowan county, and find the Delegates of both sides practically the same, and it was admitted that there was no contest as to the delegates, but that the contest is over local organization, of which your Committee has no jurisdiction. Therefore, we suggest that all Republicans from Rowan county present be permitted to participate in this convention as delegates, and we further find that the County Convention was regularly called and properly organized." Call of convention in Rowan was then read, and made a part of the report.

TELEGRAM FROM NATIONAL CHAIRMAN.

The following telegram was received and read:

Washington, D. C. April 12, 1922.

Republican State Convention, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Greetings to the loyal Republicans of North Carolina who against great odds do battle for principles vital to the welfare of our country the time is not far distant, due in no small measure to the pioneer work you have been so courageously and persistently doing, when North Carolina will be in harmony with the best interests of the progressive South join the long column of States enrolled under the banner of Republicanism. The Republican party is national, not sectional, and seeks through its policies the upbuilding of the whole republic; that your convention may be in every way successful is my sincere wish.

JOHN T. ADAMS, Chm., Rep. Nat. Committee.

A committee was appointed to reply to the above.

Mr. Whitener, of Catawba, recognized the efficiency of Mr. Morehead, his efforts and sacrifices and due appreciation of his services, moved that Mr. Morehead's resignation be accepted.

Mr. Price, of Rowan, regretted the resignation, but owing to Mr. Morehead's insistence, he nominated Hon. C. A. Reynolds, the old "war horse" from Forsyth county, as Mr. Morehead's successor.

Mr. Grant, from Davie, wanted younger blood, although he duly recognized Mr. Reynolds, and his true-blue Republicanism, and nominated Hon. J. J. Parker, of Union.

Delegate from Wilkes, Solicitor Johnson Hays, seconded Parker's nomination. Mr. Morehead also endorsed Mr. Parker. Mr. Coles, from Wilkes, also endorsed Mr. Parker. After much discussion over the nomination of National Committeeman, and after Mr. Parker's personal declaration of the nomination, and after stating that owing to his private business, lack of means, etc., he could not accept it. At this juncture A. A. Whitener, of Catawba county, was nominated. Although Mr. Parker declined, a vote of the convention was taken in part and as a final result Mr. Reynolds was nominated by acclamation.

Another telegram was read as follows: Hon. J. M. Morehead, Winston-Salem, N. C.

I wish it were possible for me to be with you today. I hold the Republicans of North Carolina in special esteem. They are Republicans from principle and not for the personal advantage that comes from running with the current. I am confident that some day they will receive their adequate reward. Your convention of today started the ball rolling for 1922, and I am confident that the culmination will be Republican victory in November of this year, and two years hence.

GEORGE B. LOCKWOOD, Secty. Rep. Nat. Com.

RESOLUTIONS REGARDING MR. MOREHEAD.

A resolution was introduced as follows: Mr. Chairman—

It was my purpose to introduce a resolution of thanks to our retiring National Committeeman and a request was made of a friend for some suggestions. These suggestions were such that I should like to present them as a resolution.

MOVED: That the following comments be adopted by the Republican State Convention of North Carolina, with our sincere regret, individually and collectively, that our National Committeeman deems it necessary to lay down the heavy burdens which he has so faithfully borne to the great honor of himself and his Party:

You have asked for some suggestions to place in a resolution commending the services rendered by John M. Morehead to the Republican Party; the task can only be partially performed because no resolution can be drawn which would tell the half of such service; no motion of thanks can duly express the emotions in the hearts of thousands who know him and admire him. He has held every position in the gift of the Party, never by personal ambition but always by request of those representatives and delegates who know his unselfish devotion to the principles which have made his Country great and which he felt would redound to the perpetual honor of his State.

He has been given position and power which he has invariably used "with justice toward all and prejudice toward none." It has been in his line of duty to defend his Party and its underlying principles against those whose selfish interests have made them unfair and unjust; he has made defence with such fairness and force that even those who dared attack his and his State's honor secretly admired the man from whose shield of honesty fell broken the shafts of ridicule and falsehood. His broad sympathy and feeling of brotherhood have endeared him to all who have proved themselves worthy of a friend by showing themselves friendly.

He has become nation-wide in his prominence and influence and no one is more admired by the leaders of political thought of the whole country. Had he yielded to the requests of admirers at the last National Convention his name might have been coupled with that of Harding in the greatest political victory that the world has ever known; only his modesty prevented him from being Vice-President. In asking that all possible preferment be given his party friends and yet denying proffered honor for himself, he stands out unique, alone.

His critics have been those who did not understand and even against those he has spoken no words of blame.

He is a Christian, having no place in his generous heart for envy, hatred or malice; he is an American who gives place to none in his admiration of and loyalty to his Country; he is a North Carolinian, proud of his State, pointing her way to the first place in the road of progress and defying those who would handicap her by any unfair word or unjust act; he is a Republican, which opens a broader view of men and attunes the heart to the music of love of fellow men. The Convention will most honor itself in honoring such a man.

Mr. Jackson, then arose and nominated as State Chairman, Hon. W. G. Bramham, of Durham. Seconded by Mr. Meekins, of Pasquotank. He was nominated by acclamation. Mr. Bramham

THE REPUBLICAN STATE PLATFORM.

The Committee on Platform reported and the convention adopted the following as the

REPUBLICAN STATE PLATFORM

We, the Republicans of North Carolina, in convention assembled at Winston-Salem, April 12th, 1922, reaffirm our devotion to the principles of the Republican Party which are now, as they have ever been, the surest guarantee of the preservation and continued prosperity of this State and Nation.

National Affairs.

We view with pride the wise and conservative leadership of our President, Warren G. Harding. We congratulate him and the country upon the selection of men of pre-eminent ability to fill cabinet positions whose concerted efforts have restored our nation to its place of wholesome leadership in the affairs of the world from which it had been displaced by the preceding Democratic administration.

We congratulate the country upon the progress made by the Republican Administration in its effort to restore the country to normalcy after the shock given it by the Democratic Party, and upon the safe, sound and conservative policies adopted in all departments of the government which are gradually bringing relief from the conditions created by the reckless era of extravagance and mismanagement which accompanied the taxation under the Wilson administration. Constitutional government has been restored, extravagant expenditures have been eliminated by the creation of the budget system, the public finances have been placed upon a scientific basis, we have reduced the public debt \$3,700,000,000 and have reduced taxes to the extent of three quarters of a billion dollars a year. The extent to which the confidence of the people in the government has been restored may be measured by the fact that during the year that has past Liberty Bonds and Victory Notes have increased in value to the extent of two billion dollars.

Taxation.

We deplore and condemn the extravagance indulged in by the Democratic Administration while in power. We commend National Republican Administration in practicing every economy, decreasing the number of government employees and reducing taxation wherever possible. The Democratic Administration in the State of North Carolina is creating opportunities for political benches, issuing bonds and borrowing money with a reckless disregard of the property rights and welfare of the people. The tax system of the land of the State is tottering under taxation piling ever higher, and the rank and file of our people are suffering.

We condemn the dominant party for its jugglery and its methods of political maneuvering for its own purposes as is illustrated in the manipulation and mismanagement of the State's finances. We assert it is time to apply business methods to our tax system and end the present rate of taxation. Such a system will insure the credit of the State at home and abroad and keeps the constitutional principle of the equality of taxation and the validity of securities issued by the State and its subdivisions almost continually before the Supreme Court.

Education.

The Republican Party in North Carolina, as in every other State, favors public education and thereby the best of public educational institutions, and if our party is entrusted with the management of our State we will immediately provide for the election of our County Board of Education by the people and we will immediately take control and management of our public schools, and we guarantee to observe the Constitution and State requirement of a six months' school term in each county in the State, and at a great rate of taxation.

We pledge the people of the State to provide a uniform system of taxation for each county in the State the same rate of taxation for schools and each county its proportionate share of the national requirements of a general and uniform system of public education throughout the State, and at a greatly reduced rate of taxation. Such a system will insure uniformity in tax rate, uniformity in school facilities, and eliminate waste and extravagance in the management of our school administration and give the State a new impetus in public education.

We condemn the unnecessary changes in the text books used in the public schools, which result in thousands of thousands of dollars of increased profits to the publishers of school books, which are a needless and burdensome expense upon the people. We will support the policy of the State's furnishing free text books in the public schools and thereby saving to our people thousands of dollars now expended for text books and bringing to the child of the poor man the same opportunity of education now enjoyed by the child of the rich.

Roads.

We believe in a State system of highways to be built and maintained by the fact that what progress we have made towards obtaining a State system of highways is due to the unselfish and fearless advocacy of the Republican Party in its platform, on the hustings and in the legislature. We condemn the Democratic Party for its profligate and wasteful policy of the State's furnishing free text books in the public schools and thereby saving to our people thousands of dollars now expended for text books and bringing to the child of the poor man the same opportunity of education now enjoyed by the child of the rich.

Agriculture.

We believe that it is the first duty of the State to help alleviate the burden under which agriculture is staggering in North Carolina. Specifically we pledge ourselves to the establishment of an adequate system of rural credits and to such a reorganization of the State department of agriculture that it will become a real aid to the farmers of the State instead being as it is now, a haven for job hunters.

Care of Soldiers.

We favor a continuation of the time honored policy of the Republican Party of enacting liberal legislation to provide for the care of injured and disabled soldiers and their dependents. The unselfish and patriotic service rendered by them and their more fortunate brothers in arms who ever be a proud heritage of our country.

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