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## STEDMAN IN THE LEAD

### The Contest for the gubernatorial Nomination

Narrowed Down to Three—Prohibition Fanatics Are "Demanding" More Stringent Laws—To Jail the Toppers.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 25.—The gentlemen who aspire to high office, which they hope to attain through nominations therefor at the forthcoming Democratic State convention, have a much time left to beat themselves. This being a "Presidential year," and it having been agreed that only one State convention shall be held—which shall select delegates to the Democratic national convention and nominate candidates for the State offices both—it becomes necessary to hold an early one, not later than the first week in June, and the chances are that the State committee will even call it to be held during the month of May.

The contest for the gubernatorial nomination seems to have narrowed down to three possibilities, viz: Maj. Charles M. Stedman, Lieut.-Gov. Wilfred D. Turner and Hon. Robt. B. Glenn. Hon. Theo. F. Davidson is still a candidate, it is understood, but his friends do not expect to see him nominated unless some unforeseen exigency should bring about that result.

It is generally thought Major Stedman will lead on the first ballot, it is his present ratio of strength is maintained, and his friends are very hopeful and sanguine of his nomination.

Mr. Glenn's friends dispute the claims of the Stedman men, and assert that this man is the more popular one and will lead in the first ballot, and they of course predict his nomination. Capt. Glenn will be here this week to address the "B. B. B. Class" of the Baptist Tabernacle, in the Sunday School room of that church.

Lieutenant Gov. Turner's supporters are not making any extravagant claims, but they say their candidate is gaining in strength every day, and that when the balloting begins in the convention it will be shown that he has a large and loyal following. An astute politician said to me to-day: "Stedman and Glenn are near neighbors, residing in adjoining counties, and the rivalry between them is intense in that particular section. Stedman is stronger than Glenn in the east and will probably show up a larger following than Glenn in the convention, and he may be nominated. But if he is not, then Gov. Turner, in my opinion will stand an excellent chance of securing the plum. Of course Maj. Davidson's chances would improve, also, if neither Stedman or Glenn can be nominated, but I think Turner would be the man."

However, Maj. Stedman and his friends are not anticipating any such results as that. Indeed, one of them said to me a few days ago, "if the convention should be held to-morrow, Stedman would be nominated on the first ballot." The convention will probably be held in Greensboro, (the home of Maj. Stedman,) again this year. Raleigh apparently cares little about it and is in no better condition than in 1902 to take care of the convention or the delegates.

A State chairman to manage the Democratic campaign will soon be selected, also. Senator Simmons who has held that position for a number of years and so successfully conducted the last several campaigns. Some time ago indicated a desire to be relieved, but there are many who think it would be best for the party if he can be induced to retain the position. Several other gentlemen are in training for the place, however, as it is considered a pretty sure stepping stone to high and lucrative official honors, as in the case of Senator Simmons.

The distillers and liquor dealers, the dispensary people and the dram drinker in "prohibited" territory (and these include about all classes,) are anxiously awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court in constraining the act passed by the last Legislature prohibiting the shipment of liquor into four certain counties where its sale had been prohibited. The language of one section of the new law is so general in its terms that Judge Brown decided here last week that the act applies to all the prohibition counties although the legislators who drew the bill now say they never "intended" it to apply to any save the four counties named—Cleveland, Gaston, Cabarrus and Mitchell. Judge Cooke at Durham (now a straight-out prohibition town) two weeks ago decided the same question in a case before

him—but placed just the opposite construction on the act from Judge Brown. So these two legal doctors of the same class differ very materially, this is up to the Supreme Court to say which is correct. The appeal will be advanced and the court will construe the law soon after it meets in February.

As the Supreme Court is especially strong on the "intent" nowadays, it looks as though Judge Cooke would be sustained. The liquor question promises to figure prominently in politics in N. C. this year especially in county and local politics. Just how largely it will figure in the State-campaign remains to be seen.

As usual, there are intemperate prohibitionists who are losing their heads over the recent success of the temperance forces and are throwing discretion to the winds while they "demand" more radical and stringent anti-liquor laws. Some of these are already seriously "demanding" that the legislature to be chosen this year shall make intoxication a misdemeanor, per se, and pass laws that will provide for putting the drinking men in jail, those not sent to jail should be indicted and fined heavily, they say, as well as pay a big bill of costs. Other "temperance laws" of various kinds are also "demanded."

These wild-eyed panatics are the fellows who always turn up at the appointed time to become stumbling blocks to the plans of the real reformers, the true and actual temperance advocates; as soon as the latter begins to really accomplish results. Of course the Republicans and "independents" in every county are now standing ready to cater to any opposition to the Democratic organization that presents itself.

If the intemperate radicals of the temperance or anti-saloon elements are given free rein this year no one need be astonished if they succeed in carrying the election of an anti-prohibition, anti-dispensary, "take-a-little-for-your-stomach's-sake." Legislature to hold forth up in the capitol building next winter. Then they'll see what they will see, but will never leave any wisdom or discretion.

**Raford News.**  
Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
Raford N. C., Jan. 26.—Mr. A. L. Sexton, of Troy, has been on a visit to his brother, Mr. F. B. Sexton.

Dr. W. J. Gilbert, we are sorry to report, is still unable to execute his office duties and those as practitioner.

The body of Mr. R. Lee McFadden, of Florida, Ala. arrived here Tuesday accompanied by his mother. We know this clever, popular young man as Lee. His body was laid away in Raford cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. A. McLaurin, assisted by the Odd Fellows. Lee having connected himself with the order some years ago. A popular and much beloved young man has gone to his reward leaving behind a mother, father, sisters and brothers and a host of friends to mourn their loss. We extend our sympathy.

Rev. E. E. Gillespie passed through on his way to Montpelier, recently.

Mrs. Isabelle Lamont still remains very ill, "with no sign of improvement."

Messrs. M. P. Carrol and W. F. King, of Raleigh, are doing some very attractive and artistic work on Raford Institute and the building will be a thing of beauty when finishing touches are pronounced complete.

Rev. J. N. Cole, Presiding Elder, was over Thursday for Quarterly Meeting accompanied by Rev. Mr. Thompson, Aberdeen. Our pastor, Rev. S. E. Mercer was on hand to welcome all those attending the meeting. Messrs. Huggins and Gibson, of Red Springs were visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Phillips, formerly of Eagle Springs are now located with us, and we congratulate ourselves upon being able to attract such excellent people.

On Friday next, Jan. 29th, a large gathering is expected on the Institute grounds, it being the time advertised for raising of the flag by Junior Order United American Mechanics. Hon. Geo. E. Hood, Goldsboro, is to deliver a speech of presentation. Supt. B. T. McBryde of Cumberland, is to respond in a speech of acceptance. An unusual gathering is expected, as special train will be run by Aberdeen and Rock Fish Railway Co. for accommodation of visitors. Pinehurst and Southern Pines will be represented.

Raford Institute's attendance continues to grow having now enrolled 175 pupils. The art and music classes have been so increased, that additional teachers had to be employed, there being now seven teachers for the institution. Miss Cordelia Conoly, of Red Springs, has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. F. Katie Walker.

## JNO. SHARP WILLIAMS

### The Fearless Democratic Leader Who Does Things.

Willie Hearst and the Democratic Nomination—Mr. Landis, of Indiana, Looking After the Taxpayers' Interests

Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
Washington, D. C., January 27.—The Democrats of the House of Representatives, under the able leadership of the Hon. John Sharp Williams, are lining up in solid array against the Republican party and all it stand for. The Democratic party in this House is going to stand for something besides negation, something besides mere obstruction of Republican tactics. Hitherto this has been the height of the ambition of the Democratic floor leader. If he could line up the Democrats to oppose anything that the Republicans suggested he seemed satisfied, and let matters go at that. Not so with John Sharp Williams. He wants the Democratic party to stand for something positive, and to place the Republican party on the defensive, and he intends to do so in the Democratic who are the leaders of the party on the floor of the House will back him up in his intentions.

He will have a conference once a week with the leading Democratic members on every committee in the House, and ascertain exactly what is coming out of the committee and what is before in the shape of legislation. If any of the legislation is worthy of consideration from a party standpoint, a meeting of all Democratic members of the committee will be called and a fight opened up on the Republican measure and a substitute offered and fought for with might and main. He will thus organize a standing "elbow-to-elbow" movement, and quit the end less, and endlessly unsuccessful, game of merely opposing things having anything to put in the place of the thing opposed. He intends to organize, it he can, an affirmative Democracy in the House at any rate, and through House in the entire country. His watchword from now on will be "face front, forward march," and charge the enemy point of the line, keeping off the defensive ourselves and put him on it. The Republican party is right now the party of negation in the country. It is in favor of "standing alone," and "letting well enough alone," as if things ever were well enough in this poor world of ours. He is going to organize an attack all alone the line so that one of two things will happen: we will either break their line or else they will cease to "stand pat."

We will put them where they dare not stand pat on Canada reciprocity, where they dare not stand pat in still further ignoring recommendations of the Interstate Commerce Commission to adopt remedies to put an end to injustices perpetrated by common carriers.

His policy also will place them in the position where they dare not stand pat on the methods of administration which have obtained in the Post office Department, and in other branches of the government. His policy is along the lines of an aggressive Democracy, and it will do more to unite the party and put it in fighting trim for the great campaign this year than anything that can come to the assistance of the party at this time. I said in this correspondence months ago that the democracy of the country was to be congratulated on the leadership of the Hon. John Sharp Williams, because, knowing the man as I did, I knew what he would do when he assumed the reins of this quasi-official position. He has the brains, the self-poise, the tact, the unflinching good nature, the high moral principle, the aggressiveness and the love of true Democracy that admirably fit him for an ideal legislator in the interests of the people as against the classes and the combinations of predatory wealth. If the people will sustain him they will reap the reward.

At least one Republican member of the House of Representatives has a good idea of the eternal fitness of all things, and what is due to the taxpayers of the country in one respect, and he has taken a pot-shot at a very lively abuse that has been growing at a rapid rate under the last two republican administrations. He is the Hon. Charles B. Landis, of Indiana, and he has aimed a resolution at the heads of the people here who are in the government employ and who ride about in carriages at the expense of the people of the country. If all the carriages and other vehicles owned

and maintained by the government for the private use of the employes of the different departments were strung out in one line, they would stretch from the Capitol to the White House along Pennsylvania avenue. Mr. Landis has seen this abuse, and he has had the method and the patriotism to hit at it, and it is to be hoped he will smash it. Mr. Hat is off to Mr. Landis. More power to his elbow.

The political gossip that still is agitating the tongues of the politicians at the national capital concerns the late meeting of the Democratic National Committee in this city, and the thing that happened thereat. I told last week how some of the New Yorkers quit asking for the convention when they found that the Parker boom was about as flat as a custard pie that had fallen from the top of Washington monument, but the letter was written before adjournment of the meeting of the committee, and could not have foretold the interesting development about the place of holding the next convention. At the time I wrote the last letter everything looked as if Chicago would have a walk-over for the convention, but something happened to scare the convention down at St. Louis. That something was the powerful Hearst movement and sentiment, not only among the members of the committee, but among the hundreds of prominent Democrats who came to attend the meeting of the committee. What some of the reorganizing element of the Democratic party took to be a cloud no larger than a man's hand turned out to be a cyclone, and it scared them from the balmy breezes of Lake Michigan into the cyclonic cellars of St. Louis. They were running from the Hearst boom, and they were sadly scared lot of people. There was a hurry call sent around to the faithful late on Monday evening before the meeting of the committee, and a few of them met at the home of John R. McLean and agreed then and there that it would never do to allow the convention to go to a city where Mr. Hearst had two powerful newspapers and a great personal following. They conjured up visions of thousands of working men parading the streets of the city carrying banners asking the convention to nominate Mr. Hearst, and thousands in the convention hall to stampede the convention to Hearst. The vote on the following day showed that all but seven members of the committee either were not scared by the Hearst boom or else were favorable to it, as they voted for Chicago. This move on the part of the people who do not favor the candidacy of Mr. Hearst proved a boomerang. They thought they were getting away from the Hearst movement, and away from the Hearst papers. They have got away from neither. The chances are that Mr. Hearst will start a paper in the city of St. Louis that will be a democrat paper to the core, and not a wishy-washy, milk and water, good-ford-good-devil sort of a sheet, and the delegation from Missouri in Congress are rejoicing thereat; also the fact that they conceded the liability of a Hearst stampede in Chicago concedes the strength of Mr. Hearst in the republican state of Illinois, and one that we must carry in order to win at polls next November, and thus argues that he is the strongest man in the state whom we can nominate.

If that be the case, Mr. Hearst's friends now are arguing, then is he not the strongest and best man we can nominate, and the man with whom it is easiest to win? They all say that victory is the great desideratum in the next campaign, and many of them are willing to sacrifice principle in order to get it. Why not, then, say the Hearst men, construe principle and at the same time win a victory that will mean something, by nominating Hearst. The opportunists who, like a drowning man, and have given the Hearst movement an impetus here among the leaders of the party that refuses to down at the bidding of trust tools and Wall street sharks. Those of the recalcitrant gang who came here to laugh at the Hearst boom have gone away with a bad case of the dry grins.

**800 Drivers Out on Strike.**  
Eight hundred hack and carriage drivers went on strike Wednesday, at St. Louis, to enforce their demands for \$12.50 a week pay, a twelve hour day, 25 cents an hour for over time and recognition of the union. The strike is directed against the St. Louis Liverymen and Undertakers Association.

William Reynolds, business agent of the union, says that the union controls 250 independent carriage and eight hearses and that with these "they propose to conduct whatever funerals there will be during the strike."

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