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## STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

**Locke Craig Nominated for Governor by Acclamation—Woodrow Wilson Endorsed for President—A Lively Fight Precipitated by Kitchin Men Results in Overwhelming Victory for Senator Simmons—A. W. McLean of Lumberton a Delegate-at-Large—Robeson's Candidate for Lieutenant Governor Defeated—An All-night Session.**

The Democratic State convention convened a few minutes after noon Thursday in the new auditorium in Raleigh, adjourned for dinner after listening to a rousing "key-note" speech by ex-Governor R. B. Glenn, temporary chairman; reassembled at 3 p. m. and remained in continuous session until 6:30 o'clock Friday morning, during which time it nominated Hon. Locke Craig of Buncombe for Governor by acclamation, the second time in the history of the Commonwealth this distinction has been conferred upon any man, the only other Governor ever nominated by acclamation being Chas. B. Aycock, nominated a State ticket, adopted a platform which contained an endorsement of Senator Simmons, along with the Governor and other State officers and Representatives and Senator, after a bitter fight to prevent it by Kitchin supporters, and endorsed Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey as the most available candidate for the party to nominate at Baltimore, after a bitter fight to prevent such endorsement on the part of supporters of Underwood.

### THE TICKET.

The full ticket nominated is as follows:

State officers named: Governor, Locke Craig of Buncombe.

Lieutenant Governor, E. L. Daughtridge of Edgecombe.

Secretary of State, J. Bryan Grimes of Pitt.

Treasurer B. R. Lacy of Wake.

Attorney General, T. W. Bickett of Franklin.

Commissioner of Labor and Printing, M. L. Shipman of Henderson.

Commissioner of Agriculture, W. A. Graham of Lincoln.

Auditor, W. P. Wood of Randolph.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. Y. Joyner, of Guilford.

Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, W. A. Hoke of Lincoln and George H. Brown of Beaufort.

Corporation Commissioner, short term, E. L. Travis of Halifax.

Corporation Commissioner, long term, George P. Pell of Forsyth.

Delegates-at-large: R. B. Glenn, W. C. Dowd, E. J. Justice, J. S. Carr, E. J. Hale, A. W. McLean, W. C. Hammer and W. C. Newland, W. T. Dortch.

Electors-at-large: Francis D. Winston and C. Ellis Gardner.

The warmest fight of the convention was over the adoption of the majority report of the platform committee, containing an endorsement of the record of our Senators and Representatives in Congress and the record of the Governor and other State officers. The majority report—which was the platform adopted and which will be found elsewhere in this paper—was read by Mr. Cameron Morrison of Charlotte, a member of the committee. It was generally understood throughout the hall that a row would be precipitated when the minority report was made, and there was breathless expectation. All went smoothly until the clause including endorsement of Senator Simmons was reached, when there were cries of "No." Mr. Morrison said the minority of the committee would offer a report substituting for this endorsement a simple endorsement of the record of the party in State and Nation. This minority report was signed by Congressman Claude Kitchin, brother of the Governor, ex-Judge J. S. Manning and R. S. Neal. When Mr. Morrison addressed himself to this resolu-

tion the crowd refused to hear him. Confusion worse confounded broke loose. Mr. Morrison said the convention was with him and the majority of the committee but that the Raleigh rooters were not; and the conclusion of the whole matter proved that he was right. But the rooters were in their glory for a while and no man who wanted to speak in favor of the majority report could get a hearing. Mr. Morrison bravely held his ground and at every lull in the roar would shout out something that would be drowned in the fresh outbreak and could not be heard ten feet away, though the speaker shouted at the top of his voice. At one time during cries of "Lorimer" Mr. Morrison shouted that voting for Lorimer was not half as bad as trying the fuse with Marion Butler. Mr. Morrison said he would like to discuss the Lorimer case if the convention had the temper to listen; that Senator Simmons had been wronged in that matter outrageously, that it was a judicial matter, the Senator was acting upon his oath as a judge in that matter, and that people had condemned him who knew nothing of the merits of the case. He said that the Kitchin supporters were quaking in their boots now for fear Simmons would vote to expell Lorimer. Finally Mr. Morrison gave up the effort to make himself heard and ex-Judge Manning read the minority report. He was also prevented from being heard by the uproar and Mr. Morrison came to the front again and asked Simmons's supporters to give Mr. Manning a hearing, that Simmons friends' were not afraid of fair discussion; that was what they wanted. Which was in striking contrast to the fact that no Kitchin supporter had asked for a hearing for Mr. Morrison. Judge Manning and others were allowed to speak in comparative quiet. It had narrowed down to a tight drawing of lines between supporters of Gov. Kitchin and Senator Simmons. Mr. W. C. Hammer of Asheboro made the speech that perhaps met with most favorable reception. He counseled the adoption of the majority report. He said that was not the time or the place to inject the fight for the Senatorship. That would be decided at the primary in November. He said that in the counties of the west where the fight is close with the Republicans, they dared not go before the enemy without endorsement of the record of their leaders and that it would be a serious blow to the chances for success if that report was not adopted. Several others spoke and when the roll of counties was finally called for a vote the minority report was voted down by 578 to 393.

It was a bitter fight, invited by supporters of Gov. Kitchin, who evidently counted on and received the support of supporters of Judge Clark, and it was a signal victory for Senator Simmons. The next fight of importance came in the early morning hours over endorsing Gov. Wilson. After the election of delegates-at-large to the National convention, slated by the Wilson men, between 5 and 6 o'clock Friday morning, a resolution was offered endorsing Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey as the most available candidate for the party to nominate at Baltimore. That immediately precipitated another row and R. N. Hackett of Wilkes, and Underwood supporter, moved to adjourn. On a roll call that motion was voted down and immediately thereafter the resolution endorsing Wilson was adopted.

The following were elected delegates-at-large to the Baltimore convention: Ex-Gov. R. B. Glenn of Forsythe, W. C. Dowd of Mecklenburg, E. J. Justice of Guilford, A. W. McLean of Robeson, Gen. Julian S. Carr of Durham, E. J. Hale of Cumberland, Lieut. Gov. W. C. Newland of Caldwell, W. C. Hammer of Randolph, W. T. Dortch. It was first decided to elect eight delegates, instead of four delegates and four alternates, and the eight first-named above was the ticket slated; but when it was found that nine men had received a majority of the votes, on motion of Mr. Josephus Daniels, national committeeman, the number was changed to nine. Mr. W. G.

Dowd and Mr. A. W. McLean received the highest number of votes. Mr. Dowd leading and Mr. McLean a close second.

The convention was called to order a few minutes after noon by Chairman A. H. Eller, of the State Democratic executive committee, in Raleigh's great new auditorium. This is a splendid building, fully equal to the demands of an occasion like this, and it was handsomely decorated. When the chairman rapped for order the building was filled with a mighty throng, far-called and near, who had come from every county in the State to nominate Hon. Locke Craig of Buncombe for Governor and transact other important business. Rev. H. M. North, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist church of Raleigh, led in prayer. Chairman Eller then recognized Mayor J. I. Johnson of Raleigh, who welcomed the convention to the city, and then Mr. Jas. H. Pou, who extended welcome on behalf of the chamber of commerce of Raleigh. Mr. Pou called attention to the fact that this was the first time the convention had met in Raleigh in 12 years, and they had realized that a larger building should be erected and had built this splendid auditorium for the State convention; and they had realized that one hotel could not accommodate the crowds on occasions like this, so they had built four new hotels, making five now. His speech was a most happy one and captured the convention.

The roll of counties was next called and Secretary W. E. Brock reported that each of the 100 counties was represented.

State Chairman Eller then addressed the convention, reviewing briefly but comprehensively the record of the work done since the last convention, and introduced ex-Governor Robt. Broadnax Glenn, who was slated for temporary chairman and to make the "key-note" speech.

Gov. Glenn was given an ovation when he stepped to the front of the platform and it was some time before he could speak. His speech was up to the high mark expected of him. He discussed the record of the Democratic and Republican parties and showed why this should be and will be a year of Democratic victory in the Nation. He had not much more than warmed up before he mentioned the names of the four active Democratic candidates for the Presidency. As he called the names of Harmon and Clark there was slight applause, but when he called the name of Wilson the first real enthusiasm of the mighty throng found expression in loud and continued applause. Underwood's name was also greeted with great applause, but it was not so loud or long as the applause that greeted the name of Wilson, and it was very evident that Wilson sentiment predominated.

The close of the Governor's speech was marked by wild applause. The first business before the convention then was the resolution on Aycock—and every mention of the beloved late ex-Governor's name throughout the convention was greeted with applause—printed elsewhere in this paper.

The chair next called for the naming of members of committees and officers of the convention made by the congressional district delegations. This, the sixth, district reported as follows:

Credentials and appeals—A. W. McLean, of Robeson.

Organization—J. Baird Clark, of Bladen.

Vice-President—D. J. Lewis, of Columbus.

Assistant Secretary—J. H. Cowan, of New Hanover.

Resolutions and platform—J. O. Carr, of New Hanover.

State executive committee—E. F. McCulloch, of Bladen; W. S. Cook, of Cumberland; H. L. Lyon, of Columbus; George H. Bellamy, of Brunswick; J. J. Furlong, of New Hanover; A. W. McLean, of Robeson.

At this point, 1:45, the convention adjourned for dinner to meet again at 3 o'clock.

When the convention reassembled Judge Francis D. Winston of Bertie was elected permanent chairman and Walter Murphy of Salisbury permanent secretary. Judge Winston made a capital

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## MORE FLOWERS FOR DR. R. M. NORMENT.

An Interesting Letter from Austin Texas—Incidents of War Times.

To the Editor of the Robesonian:

I was glad to see the tribute paid to your venerable townsman, Dr. Norment, by the Letter Carriers' Association at their last annual meeting.

In the latter part of April, 1861, I was stationed in the State fair grounds at Raleigh in company with other boys, comprising what the older boys called the "Trundle bed Trash" of the cadet corps of the N. C. Military Institute, so-called because of our youth and inexperience. We were unfit to be made drill masters of the volunteers, then gathering at Raleigh, having become members of the corps only about six weeks prior to the attack upon Fort Sumter. We had the freedom of the camp, however, with nothing to do but to speculate upon which one of our respective counties would send a company in first. I had not long to wait before I saw Robeson's first organized military company march into the grounds with Capt. Norment at their head and First Lieutenant Willis Pope second in command. It was the first real thrill of county pride I had ever felt. Bringing up the rear was private Tom Smith, a little worse for the wear from his diversified experience on the journey from Lumberton around by Wilmington and Goldsboro.

I will here digress enough to state that I saw no more of Smith until I overtook him walking the cross ties leisurely in 1865. When after mutual greetings, we learned that both had been prisoners of war and were on our way home. Somewhat late in the afternoon we reached Big Swamp and looking ahead saw the trestle work all torn up. He sat down and said he would spend the night on that side of the swamp and cross next morning in the open daylight, when he would have an equal showing with the alligators and moccasins. No persuasion could induce him to accompany us any farther that day. While joking him on his laziness, he remarked, "If I felt today like I did four years ago, when Dr. Norment took us across here, I'd take a running start and jump across the darn thing. That was before taking; this is after taking." I have never seen him from that day to this, and it was then I first learned that Dr. Norment had survived the war.

In relating this circumstance in 1905, after having made a short visit to pay my respects, my companion remarked, "I can beat that. One of the earliest recollections of my childhood was seeing him marching in a company, organized for the Mexican war in 1846 before you were born."

In view of those pleasing recollections of this venerable patriot, I deem it not inappropriate to add these sweeter scented flowers to the beautiful bouquet which his loyal subordinates have so gracefully placed at his feet, and join them in an affectionate tribute to a patriot, who so promptly responded to his country's calls when in actual need of his services.

Z. T. Fulmore.

Austin, Texas, June 6, 1912.

## Lumberton's Music Makers.

St. Paul Messenger.

The Lumberton brass band gave a concert here Tuesday evening, and notwithstanding the rain quite a crowd was out and enjoyed the music. The band though young, is a good one, and makes very good music. It is composed of the best young men in the town.

A quartette composed of Messrs C. B. Skipper, Woody Lennon, Pope Stephens and Rudolph Carlyle came along with the band, and beat them making music out of sight. This was something great and no mistake.

## They Put an End to It

Charles Sable, 30 Cook St., Rochester, N. Y., says he recommends Foley Kidney Pills at every opportunity because they gave him prompt relief from a bad case of kidney trouble that had long bothered him. Such a recommendation, coming from Mr. Sable, is direct and convincing evidence of the great curative qualities of Foley Kidney Pills. For sale by all dealers.

## ASHEVILLE GIVES CRAIG AN OVATION

Hundreds of Citizens Gather to Do Honor to Buncombe's Favorite Son—Declares That Efforts Would be Consecrated to Upbuilding of State and Welfare of People.

Special to Charlotte Observer, June 8.

Locke Craig the nominee of the Democratic party for Governor of North Carolina returned to the city from Raleigh on the "Craig special" this morning at 10:30 o'clock, and on his arrival was accorded an enthusiastic ovation, hundreds of people taking part and evincing their approval and Mr. Craig's popularity by shouts and cheers.

Mr. Craig was met at the station by a large number of people in automobiles and on foot, including the public officials of the city, county and United States. There was a long procession formed and the party came to the square, where Mr. Craig made a short talk, after which he was escorted to his home. The business houses along South Main street and around the square and down Patton avenue were decorated with flags and the city took on a gala appearance. Mr. Craig only spoke for a short time and it was evident that he was almost overcome with emotion.

First in the procession came an escort of mounted police, followed by the sheriff's force, and behind them, the regimental band in auto truck. Behind was the red truck of the fire department filled with firemen in charge of Chief Wood and then came an automobile in which were Mr. and Mrs. Craig and Garland Thomasson. About 30 automobiles were in the procession and carried the city officials the Federal officers, board of trade members, etc.

The procession was greeted at the square by the shouting of the hundreds that had gathered there to do honor to the "Future Governor," and then Mr. Craig climbed on a fire truck where he could be seen by all and responded to the demands for a speech.

Mr. Craig declared that words could not express his appreciation of the high honor that had been conferred upon him in giving him the nomination for the highest honor in the gift of the people of the State; and while it came from the whole State, he felt that he owed it to the people of the west. It was more than a personal matter he said. It had been a third of a century since the honor had come to the trans-montaine portion of the State. He declared that it was his ambition and determination to be worthy of the confidence that the people have shown that they had in him.

All knew his politics, he said; for 28 years he had been an active partisan and had fought with many of the foremost Republicans in political battles, but he was glad to say he had never been hit below the belt. He went on to say that if he should be elected to the Governorship he would be the Governor of the whole people, that he would be a citizen and not a politician; he was determined to be an Executive of the people without regard to race, politics or creed.

Mr. Craig told of coming here 29 years ago, when he said he only knew one man in Asheville and that one soon left, but now as he looked into the numberless faces of those around him he felt that he was richer than Vanderbilt with all his millions.

He declared that in the shadow of the monument of North Carolina's greatest son, his efforts would be consecrated to the upbuilding of the State and the welfare of the people, that with the help of the people North Carolina would be known not as "the Rip Van Winkle State," but as the State of progress in agriculture, in manufacturing and in the boys and girls that are growing up.

In closing he again expressed appreciation for the evidences of the people's esteem and expressed the hope that he might be worthy of it.

"Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil is the best remedy for that often fatal disease—croup. It has been used with success in our family for eight years."—Mrs. L. Whiteacre, Buffalo, N. Y.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

—Price of cotton today, 10 1/2 cents.

—Mrs. A. T. Parmele has been very sick for several days, but her condition this morning is thought to be somewhat improved.

—Mr. N. C. Stubbs, of Moss Neck, was in town Saturday and he brought to The Robesonian an office a small crate of peaches. They were beauties—juicy and sweet.

—Mr. R. C. Birmingham, who, as has been mentioned in The Robesonian, has accepted a position here with the V. & C. S. Rv. Co., will arrive with his family this evening from Laurinburg.

—Walter Bennett, colored, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police H. H. Redfern on a charge of retailing. He was placed in jail and will be given a hearing this afternoon before Mayor Caldwell.

—Mr. W. Taylor Fisher of Parkton was accompanied Saturday night by Dr. D. S. Currie, also of Parkton, to Charlotte, where Mr. Fisher, who is suffering with enlargement of the prostate gland, will undergo an operation at the Charlotte sanatorium.

—Rowland Sun, 6th: We regret very much that Mr. W. R. Edmonds, who has been engaged in the practice of law here since last fall, is leaving us this week. He goes to the growing little city of High Point and will be associated there with Mr. T. J. Gold, under the firm name of Gold & Edmonds.

—Visitors to the picture show tonight will be shown two high-class pictures, one entitled "Love in the Hills," a Biography, and the other "Mated by Chess," a Gaiety. Tomorrow night the management is going to give to the person holding the lucky number one hundred soda checks. In other words, one hundred cold drinks for only 10 cents. Next Thursday night the orchestra will delight visitors to the show with a long program.

—For the benefit of local Episcopals Bishop Robert Strange, of Wilmington, will conduct services at the Presbyterian church tomorrow evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all denominations. While here Mr. Strange will be a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lawrence. Rev. Thomas P. Noe, rector of the church of the Good Shepherd, of Wilmington, will also be in town and will be a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Beckwith.

—As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, Mr. John Fuller, of Lumberton, and Miss Mary Louise Best, of Goldsboro, will be married Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, Goldsboro. Miss Annie Neil Fuller and Mrs. R. H. Crichton, sisters of Mr. Fuller, have already gone to Goldsboro. Miss Annie Neil left Saturday and Mrs. Crichton left this morning. Mr. Fuller and his brother, Mr. David Fuller, and Mr. Bunyan Stansel, of Allenton, and Mr. Jim McKay, of Rowland, will leave tomorrow morning for Goldsboro, and Mr. S. F. Caldwell, who is spending a few days in Norfolk, Va., will join them there.

## New Building for Undertaker's Parlor.

Mr. J. L. Stephens, who has charge of the undertaking department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son, returned Saturday from Elizabethtown, where he attended the convention of the State Embalmers Association. Mr. Stephens was among the successful applicants before the State board of examiners for embalmer's license.

As stated in Thursday's Robesonian, Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son are going to open up an undertakers department and Mr. Stephens will be in charge. They will erect a building for this purpose on the vacant lot on the corner of Chestnut and Second streets opposite the Lumberton Cotton Mills office building.

Mr. J. B. McNeill, of Maxton, spent yesterday in town.