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## TAFT-ROOSEVELT.

**Still Kicking T. R.'s Dog Around—National Committee Gives Taft Forty Votes and Teddy None—Chase E. Osborne Unseated.**

Chicago Dispatch, 12th.

President Taft gained 40 more votes in the Republican National Convention today through the settlement of contest cases by the National Committee.

It was a day of Taft victories exclusively. In the cases of the California, Arizona and Michigan contests the Roosevelt forces made a fight and voted their full strength against the Taft delegates. In the California case they secured a roll call, losing 16 to 37; in the Arizona contest they failed to get a roll call and in the Michigan cases none was asked, although they voted against seating the Taft delegates at large. The contests settled today in favor of President Taft were:

Arizona delegates at large, six; California, Fourth district, two; Louisiana, delegates at large, six; First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh districts, 14; Michigan, delegates at large, six; Mississippi, delegates at large, four; First district, two. Total forty.

Pearl Wight, National committeeman from Louisiana, and the Roosevelt leader there, lost in his fight to seat the Roosevelt delegates from that State. An effort was made by Committeeman Harry S. New to end the long standing differences among Louisiana Republicans by officially recognizing the Loisel faction, now controlling the State Republican organization there, but Mr. Wright headed off such action.

Governor Chase E. Osborne, of Michigan, and his Roosevelt delegates-at-large were unseated by the decision of the Michigan case for Taft. The contest over the Fourth California district, decided for President Taft, furnished the most bitter exchanges of the day. Francis J. Heney leading the Roosevelt forces and insisting upon recognition for the Roosevelt delegates there.

The National committee had before it when it adjourned tonight 125 contested seats still to pass upon. Chairman Victor Rosewater in a statement at the end of the session said the committee was not keeping pace with the work of the last convention. In 1908 but 88 contests remained to be decided on the Wednesday night preceding the convention. Members of the committee fear that the contests will run well over into the opening day of the convention.

The remainder of the Mississippi contests and those from the States of Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Tennessee will, it is believed be disposed of tomorrow.

**Dr. Mallett on the "Boy Problem."**

The Lumberton Boy Scouts are very fortunate in securing Rev. Dr. Frank J. Mallett of Salisbury, to lecture for them at the opera house next Monday night.

Dr. Mallett is an English clergyman, who has been a resident for several years of the United States. He is a recognized expert on the subject he will discuss, having written extensively, both books and magazine articles on it. He is the scout master of a troop of Boy Scouts at Salisbury, where he is the rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church. He is a warm personal friend of Rev. R. E. Steele, scout commissioner of the local Scouts.

Dr. Mallett's lecture is full of fun and witty sayings, and well worth attending. The boys have arranged to serve refreshments at the close, and there will be a supplemental musical program.

Those purchasing tickets in advance can secure reserved seats without extra charge, but no reserve seats will be sold the night of the lecture.

Mr. Harry McGill, who for something over a month has been undergoing treatment at Johns-Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, for injuries sustained some months ago at the Dresden Cotton Mill, is expected home Saturday. Dr. T. C. Johnson received a telegram last evening from the hospital authorities to the effect that Mr. McGill is able to come home.

## BUSY TIME IN MAYOR'S COURT.

**Fourteen Negroes Before Mayor Caldwell Tuesday On Charge of Retailing—Liquor In Evidence—A "Scared-White" Bunch—Chief Redfern Says This Is But A Start.**

For more than half the day Tuesday, beginning early in the morning, there was something doing in the mayor's court. It certainly was a time, an unusual time, a time the like of which is not often witnessed in Lumberton. A multitude of "darkness" had there assembled and plenty of liquor was on hand, though it was not a day of drinking. Everybody was sober and Mayor Caldwell was master of ceremonies. It was a "Blind Tiger" hearing. The following, all colored, had to answer the charge of handling "booze": Garfield Howell, Geo. Blunt, Fred Blount, Bob McNair, Hector Gilchrist, Howard Robinson, Aaron Powell, Loftin Nance, Henry Gavin, Duncan McLaurin, Will Love, L. B. Bruster, Sloan Powell and Walter Bennett. Will Love and Bruster were dismissed, but all the others were bound to court under \$50 bond each. Garfield Howell, Henry Gavin and Sloan Powell made bonds, all the others going to jail.

This was a "scared-white" bunch of negroes. They had sold liquor and there was no getting out of it, because, for every one indicted, Chief of Police H. H. Redfern offered in evidence a pint of liquor. The goods were there and there was no getting off with the song, "I didn't do it." Chief Redfern had been at work on this job for quite a while and he did his work through a trusty negro detective, who had been on the lookout for several weeks. This detective is an expert. He did some fine work and made an excellent witness. Chief Redfern, assisted by Deputy Sheriff T. C. Barnes and Night Policeman E. E. Shooter, rounded up the bunch, one at a time, Monday night and Tuesday morning.

Chief Redfern says that this is but a beginning of what he expects to bring to pass. "Tigers" had better "git."

## BROAD RIDGE BREEZES.

**Cotton Looking Sick—Preparations for Children's Day—Personal Mention.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 4, June 10.—The rainfall has been very great round about in this section, causing the cotton to look sickly; and the fire seems very comfortable these cool mornings.

Sorry to report Mrs. Jane Britt on the sick list. Hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Homer Surles is spending the week with her mother here.

The Broad Ridge Sunday school is preparing for a children's day and also for the quarterly.

Mr. Odell Rogers spent part of Sunday night in the Long Branch section.

Rev. Dock Barnes filled his regular appointment here yesterday.

The watermelons are doing fine. I think we can pluck some by the Fourth, and also some canteloupes.

Mr. Daniel Rogers spent part of last week with his mother, Mrs. Aaron Britt.

My father killed a chicken snake recently that was six feet in length.

Huckleberries are plentiful now and part of them are being picked. Everybody remember prayer-meeting and come.

Aunt Becky your letters are enjoyed by

"Rose"

## FULLER-BEST.

**Mr. Jno. C. Fuller of Lumberton and Miss Mary Louis Best of Goldsboro Married Last Evening.**

The Robesonian received this morning from The Goldsboro Argus, Goldsboro, a telegram in which was the following:

"Fuller-Best wedding prettiest ever celebrated in Goldsboro."

The marriage took place in Goldsboro last evening at 8 o'clock. St. Paul Methodist Episcopal church. A full account of the wedding will appear in Monday's Robesonian.

## DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS.

**Opened in Baltimore Yesterday—National Committee Preparing for Convention—Chairman Mack Expected to Reach Baltimore Yesterday.**

Baltimore Dispatch, 12th.

Word came from New York tonight that National Chairman Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, would not be here with Secretary Urey Woodson until tomorrow, when the headquarters of the National Committee would be formally opened. Several National committeemen and local politicians expected the National chairman tonight and the first real gathering of leaders in the pre-convention season was held in anticipation of Mr. Mack's arrival.

National Committeeman Daniels' plan to make the second man on the final Presidential ballot the candidate for Vice President was met with an authoritative announcement that for Governor Harmon's part he would not accept a second place on the ticket. Edmond H. Moore, of Ohio, one of Governor Harmon's chief lieutenants, said:

"I can say positively that Governor Harmon would not take second place should he by any possibility fail of the main nomination."

It was also announced that Edwin Anderson, of Detroit, would make a speech seconding Governor Harmon's nomination. No other speakers to second Governor Harmon's nomination have been selected.

Plans were made today to bring the headquarters of Speaker Champ Clark to this city before the last of this week or the first of next week.

National Committeeman Edwin O. Wood, of Michigan, said today that his delegation made up of Harmon, Wilson, Clark and Ungerwood men. Mr. Wood said:

"I had expected that the committee on arrangements of which I am a member, would have met before this to select temporary officers of the convention, but after all the selection of the temporary chairman and the preparation of his speech will depend largely on what the Republicans do in Chicago, so there will be plenty of time. I haven't the slightest idea who will be the temporary chairman and I do not believe any other member of the committee knows either."

**Conductor McLean Hurt on Illinois Central Near Batesville.**

Under the above caption the following appeared in a recent issue of The Commercial Appeal of Memphis Tenn:

Batesville, Miss., May 26.—Traffic on the main line of the Illinois Central was suspended for about five hours today on account of the wrecking of the baggage car on the Memphis-to-Grenada train, due here at 9:52, in which Conductor McLean was painfully, but not seriously injured, about a mile and a half north of this place. Conductor McLean was brought to this place on the engine and placed in the hands of physicians, and is at the present time able to be moved, and will be taken to his home in Memphis. It is stated that the baggageman was slightly bruised, but to no serious extent.

Mr. McLean is a son of Mr. N. T. McLean, who lives near Rowland. He has been railroading for about 17 years and has been in several wrecks, but this is the first time that he ever suffered any personal injury.

## Bishop Strange Here.

Rev. Robert Strange D. D., L. D., Bishop of Eastern North Carolina, assisted by Rev. Thomas P. Noe, rector of the church of the Good Shepherd, Wilmington, conducted a service of evening prayer at the Presbyterian church Tuesday night.

Bishop Strange preached a sermon of marked beauty and power on the text "We are Saved by Hope," to a good congregation. He announced that Rev. Mr. Noe would visit Lumberton frequently from now on to conduct the Episcopal service.

## HAWKINS DEFENDANTS FREED.

**Jury Returned Verdict of Not Guilty Yesterday Morning—Wild Scene in Court House.**

All defendants in the Myrtle Hawkins case at Hendersonville were yesterday declared not guilty by the jury which had been sitting through the three long weeks of the trial, and were ordered released by the court. The verdict of the jury was rendered about 11:30 o'clock yesterday.

The case went to the jury Tuesday night about 8 o'clock and they considered it until midnight. It is stated that none of the jurors were for first degree murder, although several are said to have held out for second degree murder at first. The cause of their change of opinion, according to one of the jurors, was the fact that it had not been definitely proven that the body found in the lake was that of Myrtle Hawkins.

There was a wild scene in the crowded court house when the verdict was announced.

The jury had sent word at 10 o'clock that it was ready to report. Judge Foushee was sent for and he reached the court room about 11 o'clock.

The defendants stood up one at a time, and Judge Foushee asked the jury as to the verdict in the case of each one. In every instance, the answer was "not guilty." Mrs. McCall, when the verdict was announced, rushed to the foreman of the jury, threw her arms around his neck and kissed him. Mrs. Shaft jumped up and down and screamed. Hats were thrown in the air and handkerchiefs waved by friends of the defendants. Order was finally restored and Judge Foushee ordered all the defendants released.

The release of George Bradley, Boney Bradley, Ab McCall, Beatrice McCall, Dan McCall, Lizzie Shaft and Nora Britt, puts the situation back where it started with the finding of the body and sends the question, "Who killed Myrtle Hawkins?" down among the unsolved mysteries of the age.

## SAYS WILSON IS GAINING.

**Josephus Daniels Booms Jersey Governor For President.**

From The Baltimore Sun Bureau.

Washington, June 9.—Josephus Daniels, Democratic National committeeman for North Carolina, in Washington today on his way to Baltimore tomorrow to confer over preliminary arrangements for the Democratic National convention, declared that the Democratic party had one of the greatest opportunities of its life to win the Presidency.

He pointed out that for years the party has been unable to win control of the Government because it has not had the influence of the independent press. This year, he said, the Democrats will have back of them the powerful independent newspapers if Woodrow Wilson is nominated.

"Wilson's chances are improving for the nomination," he said. "They will continue to do so. The influence of the independent press is being felt."

Mr. Daniels had a long conference with Senator Simmons, whose influence among the uninstructed delegates from North Carolina will be potent. He later took an automobile ride with Senator Overman.

The Wilson forces here felt the buoyant feeling with which the North Carolina editor saturated the air in his neighborhood. Mr. Daniels will likely be a powerful figure to swing the Underwood delegates from the South to Wilson in the event that the nomination of the Alabamian becomes an impossibility.

Congressman Robert L. Henry, chairman of the House Rules committee, was also feeling good today over the chances for Wilson. He declared that the idea that Wilson is the most available man is becoming stronger every day with the Congressional leaders. That sentiment, he said, is becoming soaked in the minds of the Democratic leaders' some of whom do not like Wilson, but realize that he will make the strongest race.

## FAIRMONT.

**A Growing Town in a Fine Section—New Church, Tobacco Warehouse and Stores.**

As has been mentioned in The Robesonian recently, the town of Fairmont is evidencing some growth and development. It will soon have completed a large new tobacco warehouse, some new stores and work has been commenced on a new church in the town. In regard to the town's development and progress, The Southern Tobacco Journal has the following to say:

The business men of this town and a great many farmers in and around that section have gotten together and formed a joint stock company, and are now erecting a large tobacco warehouse which will be ready for occupancy by July 1st. This will give to Fairmont two large warehouses, with ample floor space and facilities for handling eight millions pounds of tobacco. The old house, which has been successfully run for several years by Messrs. T. F. Reeves & Co., has two large sale floors. This with the new warehouse, is equivalent to this market having three warehouses.

This market is located on a branch line of the Atlantic Coast Line R. R., with four passenger trains daily, and good freight rates to all the tobacco centers.

Fairmont is in the center of the finest tobacco section of the South Carolina belt, in Robeson County, N. C. The town has about 40 stores, mostly brick, three sales stables, one strong bank, and another one in course of construction, three churches, fine school building, beautiful residences, good water (mostly overflow wells) and has about 1,500 inhabitants, all wide awake and progressive.

The surrounding country is level, the farmers have small farms, well cultivated fields, beautiful farm houses, good teams and every body works. As a result of this push and energy Robeson county produced 75,000 bales of cotton last year, leading the Old North State by large odds, in addition to this they raised abundant crops of corn, hay and tobacco, in fact all the crops do well.

Tobacco, next to cotton as a money crop, grows well in Robeson county. The farmers understand how to handle it, and the buyers appreciate the high color and ripeness and sweetness, characteristic of Robeson county tobacco.

Fairmont being in the center of this fine tobacco belt, with good roads leading into this town, is destined at no far distant day to be a market of great importance, both to the farmers of that section, as well as the tobacco trade generally.

This market is more than 15 miles away from any other market, and it is a conservative estimate to say within a radius of 12 miles in and around Fairmont, 6 million pounds of tobacco will be grown this year. The crop is all planted out and a good stand is doing well.

The new warehouse has been leased for a term of years by E. J. Davis & Sons, successful tobacco men, both at Martinsville, Va., and Fairmont.

With push and energy of her warehouse men, and a large increase of buyers, we predict Fairmont will sell this season, 5,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco.

**Mr. Chas. N. Evans of Wilmington to Speak in Lumberton This Evening.**

As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, Mr. Chas. N. Evans, president of the Southern National Bank of Wilmington, will speak here this evening in the K. of P. hall in the Lumberton Cotton Mill office building. His subject will be "The Building of a City." Mr. Evans comes at the invitation of the Industrial & Commercial Club. Two or three hundred invitations have been sent out and a large crowd is expected to be present. Lumberton's new brass band will furnish some music. The speech will be at 8:30 o'clock and the speaker will be introduced by Mr. R. D. Caldwell, president of the club.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Middling cotton today, 10½.

—The opera house orchestra will play at the Pastime theatre tonight. Lovers of good music will doubtless take advantage of the opportunity to spend an hour pleasantly.

—Mr. A. T. Parmele killed his fine bird dog this morning. The dog had been sick for several days and when it exhibited symptoms Mr. Parmele did not like he would not take any chances.

—At the Pastime theatre Tuesday night Mr. J. K. Skipper, of West Lumberton, held the lucky number and carried off the 100 soda checks. Another hundred will be given away next Tuesday night.

—Mr. Ira Bullard is moving today, with his family, from a cottage on Water street, where for a year or so he has resided, to his new residence on Sixteenth and Walnut streets, which has just been completed.

—Dr. W. W. Parker is spending this week in Asheville. During his absence, his jewelry store on Elm Street is being kept open by Miss Grace Redmond. Dr. Parker will probably return Saturday or Sunday.

—County Auditor A. T. Parmele complains that some of the reports due to be filed in his office on the first Monday in June by the mayors of the several towns in the county and Justices of the peace have not yet been received.

—On Sunday night, the 2nd of this month, Mr. Owen Dees lost a house on the Creek road, about two miles from town, by fire. The building was insured for \$300 and Mr. Dees received settlement yesterday through Mr. Q. T. Williams, with whom the insurance was carried.

—Rev. Father Gallagher, of Wilmington, will conduct services for the Catholic congregation at the opera house Sunday morning at 7 o'clock. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, following Sunday school exercises, Father Gallagher will lecture on "What Catholics Believe." Public cordially invited.

—Monday about noon Mr. T. R. Tolar's horse, which was standing hitched to a road cart in front of the Freeman Printing Co. plant, dashed off and ran across the court house square and down Fifth street, finally getting loose from the cart. No one was hurt and the damage didn't amount to much.

—Mrs. H. T. Pope left Tuesday for Louisburg, Pa., where tonight she will attend the Alumnae bouquet of Bucknell University, of which institution she is a graduate. Mrs. Pope will give the toast for her class, the class of 1892. Mrs. Pope will spend some time, probably a month, in Pennsylvania visiting relatives.

—Mr. John Smith has been very sick at his home, corner Fifth and Cedar streets, since last Thursday, but his condition today is thought to be somewhat improved. His son, Mr. Casper Smith, who holds a position as pharmacist in a drug store at Kings Mountain, came home Tuesday on account of the illness. Mr. Casper Smith returned this morning to Kings Mountain.

**Mr. Leard, District Passenger Agent of the S. A. L. Ry. Co. In Town Today.**

Mr. H. S. Leard, district passenger agent for the S. A. L. Ry. Company, is in town today working up interest in the Baltimore Democratic Convention. He is trying to work up a Robeson county club to go to the convention that will be large enough to take one or two Pullman cars. He says that if he succeeds in getting up this club he will be able to give those going from this section better service than they would otherwise receive. If the Pullman cars are secured they can be parked in the city and used to sleep in, and this will certainly be a great convenience for it is expected that it will be almost impossible to get sleeping quarters in Baltimore during the convention for all the great crowd that is sure to be there.