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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Parker Defeats Bryan For Temporary Chairmanship—Ollie James Elected Permanent Chairman—Bryan Refuses Chairmanship of Resolutions Committee—Wilson Demonstration.

Baltimore Dispatch June 25.

William J. Bryan lost his first fight for progressive control of the Democratic National Convention today, when he was defeated for temporary chairman of the convention by Alton B. Parker.

Mr. Bryan first nominated Senator Kern to oppose Parker. The latter declined the honor and named Mr. Bryan to make the fight. The Nebraskan made an eloquent plea "for the cause he had represented for 16 years," but it was unavailing.

The debate preceding the roll call threw the convention into wild disorder.

The vote on a roll call was: Parker 579; Bryan 506

Last Effort to Stop Fight.

A last desperate effort to avert a bitter factional fight was made by the Bryan forces when the Democratic convention took up the problem of selecting a temporary chairman. So sharp did the lines divide that Mr. Bryan himself became a candidate for the temporary chairmanship.

After Bryan had made a speech nominating Senator Kern, of Indiana, and attacking Alton B. Parker, Kern took the stand. He made a plea for harmony, asked Parker to join him in withdrawing from the contest for temporary chairman and substituting any one of a list of several men. After waiting in vain for a reply from Parker, Kern himself withdrew and nominated Bryan.

Again Bryan took the platform. He accepted the nomination and the line up for the final struggle was complete.

Convention Called to Order.

Chairman Mack dropped his gavel at 12:01 P. M., with the announcement: "The convention will be in order. The sergeant-at-arms will clear the aisles."

Cardinal Gibbons in his brilliant scarlet robes, pronounced the opening invocation, the entire assemblage standing with bowed heads.

Senator Kern entered the hall as the prayer closed and received a round of applause, with scattered shouts for "Bryan."

Chairman Mack directed the reading of the names of the temporary officers. The first named—Alton B. Parker, of New York, for temporary chairman was greeted with a great wave of cheering, to which the band added its liveliest strains.

As the list was concluded Mr. Bryan stepped forward. The crowd caught sight of him for the first time and there was a storm of cheering.

After the election of temporary chairman the convention adjourned until 8:30 o'clock in the evening at which time Judge Parker made his key note speech.

Baltimore Dispatch, June 26.

Ollie James, senator-elect from Kentucky, was today chosen for permanent chairman of the Democratic National Convention by the committee on permanent arrangements.

William Jennings Bryan declined the chairmanship of the resolutions committee. Senator John W. Kern, of Indiana, was chosen. The committee adopted Mr. Bryan's proposal to hold back on platform until after the nomination of the party's candidate for President.

The Roger Sullivan delegates from Delaware were seated by the credentials committee.

After a session of oratory in which no business was done, the convention adjourned at 2:17 o'clock until 8 o'clock tonight.

This summarizes the day's proceedings in Baltimore.

Night Session

A sweltering atmosphere charged with humidity greeted the delegates as they filed in for tonight's session just before 8 o'clock. Negligence was again the order of the occasion.

A thunderstorm kept the gallery attendance down at 8 o'clock only about half of the seats for

spectators were filled. The delegates, too, were slow in arriving. National Chairman Mack appeared on the scene shortly after 8 o'clock. At that time many of the delegate's seats on the floor were vacant and the meagre gallery crowd was entertained with a series of ragtime selections by the band. When Chairman Parker appeared there was a scattered round of applause. He greeted the Rev. T. O. Crouse, of the Mt. Royal Avenue Episcopal church, who was the chaplain of the meeting.

At 8:32 Chairman Parker dropped his gavel, the sergeant-at-arms cleared the aisles and secured order, while Rev. Crouse began the prayer.

Representative Covington, of Maryland, chairman of the committee on rules, was recognized to present the committee's report.

The report as read by Mr. Covington placed the nomination for President and Vice President on the committee immediately after report of the committee on credentials, and before the adoption of the platform.

The report, much to the surprise of the convention generally, was adopted by a viva voce vote without opposition.

Mr. Covington then presented the supplemental report of the majority, making the unit rule a rule of the convention. A hot debate followed and there was a Wilson demonstration that lasted for more than half an hour.

Tremendous Demonstration.

Special to The Robesonian.

Charlotte, 2:35 p. m.—Tremendous demonstration in which friends of all candidates participate delays proceedings.

Observer.

Wilson Delegates Seated.

Special to The Robesonian.

Charlotte, 3:07 p. m.—Wilson delegates from South Dakota seated by vote of convention.

Observer.

A TRAGEDY AT RALEIGH.

Fifteen-Year-Old Boy Kills Older Brother.

Raleigh Special, 22nd, to Greensboro News.

Levera Betts, a fifteen year old son of "Geke" Betts, killed his brother, Clifton Betts, aged 20, with a small knife this afternoon, the blade sinking into the heart and producing death in less than three minutes. According to the boy's story, he was sitting on the lounge trimming his finger nails when his brother came down stairs and began playing with him. In the scuffle that followed the elder brother, the boy said fell on the knife. The tragedy occurred at the parents' home on Boyden Heights.

Chief of Police Stell, who made an investigation, is inclined to believe that the youngster was telling the truth for the most part. The officer thinks the boys were scuffling, but that the younger of the two who was on the bottom, became angered because the older would not release him, and cut at Clifton Betts with the knife. The slain brother was a printer in the employ of Edwards and Boughton.

After the tragedy the boy ran to a neighbors, where another brother found him when the police arrived. The boys bore good reputation.

Raleigh News and Observer June 27.

Levera Betts was yesterday given his freedom from confinement at the police station, where he had been since Sunday afternoon when he was locked up for killing his brother, Clifton E. Betts.

The bond was placed at \$100 and a cash forfeit was put up. It is the purpose to try the case tomorrow afternoon if it can be reached. Judge Walter Watson will hear it in the city court in the municipal building.

—Since last issue of The Robesonian cotton blossoms have been received from the following: Mr. Charlie Monroe, of Tar Heel; Mr. F. B. Bass, of Marietta; Raynham farm, of Raynham. Mr. Monroe says that he has had blossoms for several days.

Filth and stagnant water breed flies and mosquitoes. Flies and mosquitoes give us typhoid, malaria and a lot of intestinal diseases. See the point?

WITH "AUNT BECKY."

Crops Look Well—Trip Through Scotland County—Laurinburg A Thriving Town—Mule Kicked by Mule—Personal Mention And Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Old Fork (Maxton, Route 1) June 21—Hot weather in the Fork for the past few days, and farmers quite busy. The late cold snap acted on the cotton something like an opiate, for it seemed to be sleeping several days, and some anxiety existed on account of the continued winds and cold, but the "good old summer time" is with us now; the crops generally look well, are in good condition, and fast retrieving lost ground.

I took a little trip recently through a section of Scotland county, through the Hasty settlement, on to Laurinburg. This is a fine farming country. I saw beautiful crops along the route, cultivated in modern, up-to-date style. The standard products, corn and cotton, were well diversified by fields of melons and canteloupes, also bushes of Irish potatoes were being dug for shipment. The roads of our little sister county "are a thing of beauty and a joy forever," and as I sped along in a nice auto in company with a batch of kind cousins who came for me to spend the day with them, I could not help noting and almost enjoying the great difference between the roads of Scotland and Robeson counties. Some years had passed since my last visit to Laurinburg, and the changes and improvements visible were very marked. Many very handsome private residences have been erected. The Confederate monument is beautiful, the new Presbyterian church, a magnificent brick structure, is elegant in proportion and style, and the dainty looking little white hospital set in the midst of beds of the greenest grass, looked very cool and inviting. Laurinburg is a thriving business town, surrounded by splendid farming lands whose rich products contribute to its growth and prosperity.

We are having plenty of berries, peaches and plums these days, and the busy house-wives have begun the hot and worrisome job of canning. Our peach crop is so abundant this year that we intend drying some of the fruit. So far as my own taste goes I prefer it to the canned peaches and there is no danger of losing it.

One of our neighbors, Mr. Will Watson, was kicked in the stomach a few days ago by his buggy horse and has been suffering painfully ever since. The horse was sick and Mr. Watson was doctoring him, when the ungrateful beast rewarded him by using his heels. Dr. John of Laurinburg attends Mr. Watson daily, and we hope he may soon recover.

I had a very pleasant surprise on Tuesday by a visit from Mr. Wm. Fields, a wholesale merchant, of Lynchburg, Va., and first cousin of my husband. Mr. Fields came down to Laurinburg and Maxton on business, and from there drove down to see us. He has traveled largely, is very intelligent and we enjoyed his company exceedingly during his stay.

Our country impressed him as being very flat, coming as he did from the "City of hills," but contrasted with the rocky, precipitous roads of his section he thought the driving here fine. Mr. Hugh Breeden, of Dillon, S. C., also gave us a pleasant call recently. He was en route home from the Macon reunion, having stopped along the way among friends and kindred. The whole trip had been a most pleasant one. He is intelligent, a close observer, and a loyal son of the old South, so that we were most agreeably entertained by his relation of scenes, incidents, persons, etc., of the late reunion, a subject which ever holds for me extreme interest.

The fight is now at fever heat in Chicago over the Presidential nomination, and I much fear that Roosevelt will, as usual, be the winner, which will serve to lessen the prospect of a Democratic President, though if such be the case our chance is by no means

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FAIRMONT NEWS.

Tobacco Curing to Begin Next Week and Fairmont's Tobacco Market Soon to Be Open—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, June 24—Work is going on rapidly on the handsome Baptist church.

The Robeson warehouse is nearly completed and is a big affair truly. Messrs. Davis & Son and Simple, who are to manage, have arrived and are making all preparations for an early opening. Mr. T. F. Reeves's horse arrived last week so we suppose he will be here in a few days. Tobacco curing will begin next week and things will live up.

Mr. Rooney Thompson and Miss Maggie Floyd went to Lumberton Monday to meet Miss Bessie McLeod, of Alma, who will spend some time with Miss Maggie. Miss McLeod, who taught here last session, is very popular with everyone and we are glad to have her visit us.

Miss Marie Farley, of Lake Waccamaw, is the guest of Misses Floyd.

Miss Sallie Smith, of Raeford, is delighting many former friends by her presence. She is the guest of Miss Bessie Grantham.

Rev. S. T. Moyle left Monday for Councils Station, where he will assist the pastor, Rev. L. E. Sawyer, in a protracted meeting. Rev. D. P. Bridges has received a vacation from his congregations and will recuperate at Southport.

Among the numerous political visitors during the past week was J. M. Butler Esquire, of St. Pauls, who seem to be the universal choice of our section for Sheriff. Mr. Butler will fill the office perfectly to our content, and belongs to no ring.

Mrs. J. O. Bobbit, who was enjoying a pleasant visit to home folks and to view the marriage of her niece, was greatly bereaved by the sudden death of her father. Her many friends deeply sympathize with her in her sorrow.

Mrs. Clary, formerly of Lumberton, has been very sick at the home of her sister Mrs. George Calhoun and could not go as she intended to her new home at Washington. We are glad to learn that she is improving.

The little infant daughter of W. L. Kile is very sick at this writing.

The Presbyterian Sunday School will picnic at Waccanaw Lake tomorrow.

Ashpole Lodge Masons have moved into their handsome new hall in the Jones building, which is just completed especially for them.

Mr. Wishart, of Lumberton, has been in consultation with Mr. A. L. Jones concerning the leasing of the new opera house but we have not learned if any arrangements have been made. Of course, Mr. Jones will not be hasty in leasing.

Fairmont and vicinity seem to be important in the eyes of would be county officers, judging from the friendly visiting lately. Let the best man win.

Mr. A. J. Floyd is being imported by his friends to stand for county commissioner again and we hope he may be willing to make the sacrifice.

Mrs. Y. E. Smith and children, of Dnrham, and Mrs. E. M. Snipes, of Roxboro, who have been visiting relatives in town left last Friday for their respective homes and we are missing the merry childish voices.

Miss Lillian Shortridge, of Hamlet, is visiting the family of Dr. Brown.

Messrs. Howard C. McNair and John C. Parish, of Maxton, were welcome visitors in town last week, the latter on road business and Mr. McNair giving his friends a chance to wish him luck in his canvass for legislative honors. All our people are for him.

Mr. C. C. Cashwell, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with home folks.

J. P. Brown and A. L. Jones left Monday afternoon to attend the National Democratic convention at Baltimore, but we do not understand that they will be candidates for the presidency.

Mr. C. P. Grantham, of McDonald, is a Lumberton visitor today.

MT. ELIAM MATTERS.

A Send Off For The "Mount"—Robesonian Excursion—Farmers' Union Picnic To Be At Ten Mile—A Large "Gaiter"—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mt. Eliam (Orrum, R. 1) June 24—While making a speech recently Mr. H. F. Bissell used the following words, which give a good idea of the "Mount": "On the 'Mount' where the water is as pure as crystal, where the air is as the fragrance of flowers, the sand as white as snow, the corn as yellow as gold (it's turned green now) and so healthy that to start a new cemetery you have to kill a man."

In our report of the Farmers' Union meeting held at Center recently for some reason we failed to mention the best part of the program, the eating part. We have never seen a better, bigger dinner. Anybody doubting this see Mr. Wright Prevatt, at the Lumberton Barber Shop, and find out the particulars.

For the benefit of the many who have asked us concerning The Robesonian's running an excursion to Wilmington this summer, we will say that The Robesonian is expecting to run an excursion to Wilmington some time about the last of July or some time in August the date to be announced later, which will, as last year, be the best and most up-to-now excursion of the season.

The Farmers' Union picnic, which will be held at Ten Mile Thursday July 25, will be the picnic of the season. We are expecting president H. Q. Alexander and some other good speakers are expected to be present at that time, the speakers to be secured by the executive committee. Remember the date and be prepared to enjoy yourself.

Mr. B. E. Stone of Bloomingdale spent Saturday night with Mr. I. V. Britt.

The Mt. Eliam local of the Farmers' Union met Saturday. Rev. M. A. Stephens was present and made the best union speech we have ever listened to, he declared that all the power under heaven except that of the Supreme being was in the hands of the farmer, which is a true statement. We only wish every farmer in the county could have heard this masterly speech. We have created an aid fund in order to be able to help a sick or unfortunate brother, and its a mighty good plan.

An aligator eight feet long was killed at Edmonds mill Thursday of last week. Things are getting very "gatory" on the "Mount."

One of our candidates for sheriff while running too fast one day recently heated the axle of his auto and still kept running and run the end off his axle, the auto being left in the road near here, but nevertheless he hired a man's mule and is still in the race.

Mr. Oattie Edmond has the best tobacco we ever saw growing. He planted it just as thick again as usual just experimenting, and finds that it grows just as good, if not better, when planted as thick as cotton as in the old way. He is expecting three thousand pounds to the acre, and no doubt will get it, for we are sure there is twice as much tobacco on the acre as of other tobacco we have ever seen.

Messrs. W. M. and F. Grover Britt spent Sunday p. m. at the "capitol" on business.

The potato prospects are bright. Our folks are trying to prepare to live and board at home next year.

Mr. Thad Stone, of Lumberton, spent Sunday with home folks.

Mr. Berney Lawson of Orrum spent Sunday with "Happy Jack".

Mr. and Mrs. Clearance Floyd, of Boardman, spent Sunday here with relatives and friends.

Our Republican folks are not much suited at Teddy's defeat. Why yes, Sidney the people have not only forgiven me, but have agreed that my declarations are right, and you have gotta quit kicking my dawg around. Your advice was so "eggnogy" that I will only say take your own advice, remember the size of your last pair of pants, keep puffing and watch McKenzie win. "Happy Jack."

LOCAL BRIEFS

—Cotton today 11 cents.

—Lumberton's new brass band will give an open-air concert at the artesian well tomorrow evening. As usual it will be free and everybody is cordially invited.

—Mr. A. L. Stone, of route 4 from Lumberton, was in town yesterday and he remembered The Robesonian with some beautiful red plums. They were juicy and sweet.

—The county civil service examination for rural letter carriers will be held here at the graded school auditorium Saturday by Mr. R. O. Edmund, secretary of the local civil service board. The examination will begin at 9:30 o'clock.

—Four additional electric fans of the oscillating type have been put in the Pastime theatre, and these in addition to the strong suction fans which were installed a few weeks ago should make the little theatre the coolest place in town. Visitors to the show say the pictures get better all the time.

—Mr. Eli Phillips returned last evening from Charlotte, where he went yesterday morning with his daughter, Miss Blanch Phillips, who underwent an operation in a hospital in Charlotte yesterday afternoon for a throat trouble from which she has been suffering for a long time. This is the second or third trip Miss Phillips has made, to Charlotte for treatment and it is feared that her condition is serious.

LONG BRANCH LOCALS.

The Farmers are Busy and Other Items.

Lumberton Route 4, June 25th.—It's a busy time with the farmers.

Mr. J. H. Balfour and Misses Lee and Ruth Pope spent Sunday near Fairmont.

Mrs. W. L. Thompson, who returned from Highsmith's Hospital at Fayetteville, about three weeks ago was able to be out at church again Sunday, to the delight of her friends.

Mr. Climpson Insor and sister Miss Pinkie, of near Fair Bluff, spent the latter part of the week here with relatives.

Sorry to report Mrs. J. C. Lewis on the sick list.

Mr. Maston Britt lost a fine mule last Sunday.

Let all remember the union and quarterly meeting to be held with the Long Branch Baptist church Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week and come. "Brown Eyes"

In Mayor's Court

Maggie Lennon, colored, before Mayor Caldwell Monday afternoon on charge of retailing, was bound to court under a \$25 cash bond, which she gave. Alex Thompson, colored, was before the mayor Monday afternoon on charge of an affray with his wife. He was fined \$1 and costs. Hattie McNeill, also colored, was given a hearing Monday afternoon on charge of carrying concealed weapon. She was bound to court under a \$50 bond, which she made. Walter Smith, a young white fellow from the Jennings cotton mill, was before Mayor Caldwell yesterday afternoon and was fined \$1 and costs for riding bicycle on side walk. Geo. Blount, colored, was tried this morning on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$1 and costs.

New Town Ordinance.

At a meeting of the mayor and town commissioners held in the town hall yesterday afternoon an ordinance was passed making it necessary for any property owner wishing to make improvements on wooden buildings, either inside or out, within the fire district shall first make application to the town authorities for a permit. The town has had an ordinance for several years making it necessary to obtain a permit for improvements on the outside of wooden buildings within the fire district, but now it will be necessary to have a permit to make either exterior or interior changes in wooden buildings.