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ANOTHER REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Chairman Culbreth and His Crowd Pull off a Lively Convention, Most of the Liveliness Being Contributed by a Taft Republican—Efforts Made to Form New Party Failed—Convention Declared itself Regular Republican but Endorsed Roosevelt and Johnson—A Full Ticket Nominated—A Mixed-Up Affair.

All signs pointed to a lively time at the convention Tuesday of the Republicans of Robeson county, or the Bull Meese of Robeson county—or Bull Moosers, whichever you prefer—which ever it might turn out to be, and this is one time when all signs did not fail. Some 20 men were present.

The convention lasted 3 hours and from the time it was called to order at 1 o'clock p. m. by Mr. W. K. Culbreth, for the space of two hours or more for the life of him no man might say whether it was a straight Taft Republican convention or a Roosevelt Progressive party convention. It was just one motion after another, discussion after discussion which got nowhere at all, dog-fall after dog-fall between those who wanted to call it a Taft Republican convention and those who had decided they would not vote for Taft but would vote for Roosevelt, spite'n, but still claimed to be faithful Republicans. For the space of two hours or more confusion worse confounded reigned and then right under one's nose, while one watched every move closely, it suddenly, in most bewildering manner, voted itself a Republican convention, immediately thereafter voted to endorse the candidacy of Roosevelt and Johnson for President and Vice President, immediately thereafter quieted down and sobered up, so to speak—not referring at all to any sobering from effects of "the old familiar juice"—and then proceeded to the nomination of a full ticket. It was the most confusing situation that any reporter ever tried to keep track of, and in recording what took place it is necessary, in order to give the reader a clear understanding, to go back and review things a bit.

To begin, then, at the beginning:

On August 31, last, the Republicans of Robeson county met in the court house in Lumberton and elected Mr. W. K. Culbreth of Raft Swamp township—sometimes referred to in this album of song as "Windy Billy": not in derision, mind you, for he is a worthy exponent of Republicanism in Robeson county: as a term of endearment, rather—elected Mr. Culbreth chairman and also elected certain delegates to the Republican convention at Charlotte, and recommended that certain ones be endorsed as candidates for certain offices. All of which was duly recorded in The Robesonian at the time. All was harmony and peace and love. There was no hint of the storm that was brewing. Mr. B. F. McLean of Maxton, at that time secretary of the county Republican executive committee, presided at that convention, the former chairman, Mr. S. A. Edmond, having recently died. That convention did not adjourn but recessed, subject to the call of the chairman. So.

Shortly after the Republican State convention met in Charlotte on September 4 last a meeting of the county Republican executive committee was held in Lumberton. At that meeting some one sprung the parliamentary rule that the newly-elected chairman, Mr. Culbreth, did not have authority to reconvene the recessed convention of August 31 but that that power resided alone in the chairman who presided, Mr. McLean. Also as reported at the time this true chronicler of events, Mr. Culbreth submitted a few remarks to the effect that he would not be run over and dominated by a few Federal officeholders, and would resign. The committee decided that it did not have power to accept the resignation but empowered Mr. Culbreth to reconvene the convention, when the whole matter would be decided. At this meeting Mr. W. H. Kinlaw was elected secretary.

On the heels of this Mr. B. F. McLean called the convention to reconvene on the 27th ult. Mr. Culbreth called the convention to reconvene October 1, and added as a postscript that those who favored the rule of a few Federal officeholders would attend the meeting of September 27, but that those who favored the rule of the people would attend the convention of October 1.

On the 27th ult., as recorded in Monday's Robesonian, the convention called to reconvene by Mr. McLean was held, it was voted to depose Mr. Culbreth, Mr. W. J. Currie of Maxton was elected chairman, Mr. B. F. McLean was elected secretary, the nominations recommended at the first convention were endorsed, and an advisory committee was appointed to fill out the ticket.

A detail omitted in the account of last Friday's convention as reported in Monday's Robesonian was as follows: A Robesonian reporter, having searched diligently for the convention at the noon hour, when he had been advised it would meet, but without finding it, dropped into the court house about 2:30 p. m. on the chance of finding out something and found the convention in progress in the petit jury room.

Mr. W. H. Kinlaw was winding up a speech and from his closing remarks the reporter gathered that he was advocating going into the election of a chairman. This was not correct. Mr. Kinlaw was explaining that if it was true, as reported, that Mr. Culbreth had gone over to some other party, then it would be necessary to elect another chairman, but he advised caution, investigation, certainty of ground, etc. Mr. B. F. McLean explained that at the Charlotte convention he had been given some badges by State Chairman Morehead with the understanding that they were to be given only to straight Taft Republicans, it being understood that there were some delegates from Robeson who were not Taft Republicans. He offered one to Mr. Culbreth on that condition and Mr. Culbreth refused to accept, going away, it was presumed, to attend the convention of the Roosevelt Republicans. Therefore he assumed that Mr. Culbreth was not a Taft Republican. Dr. T. A. Norment then reviewed briefly the action of the first convention and the meeting of the executive committee. He said that when some one pulled on Mr. Culbreth the parliamentary rule that only the chairman of the first convention had power to reconvene that convention, Mr. Culbreth swelled up, got red in the face, said he would not be dictated to or dominated, et cetera, and that while he had before that been in favor of anything that was for harmony, since Mr. Culbreth had acted like he had he was in favor of nominating a straight Republican ticket. This convention was composed of only eight Republicans.

Which brings us down to the convention held Tuesday, called by Mr. Culbreth.

In calling the convention to order Mr. Culbreth said it was a critical time—great dissatisfaction—an inclination to force people to do things here in our county—deplorable condition—want to devise some way to lighten our burdens—fighting for good government and betterment of conditions—hoped all would be harmonious.

The roll of townships was called by Secretary Kinlaw. When Britt's was reached and Mr. S. L. Parker responded as delegate Dr. T. A. Norment wanted to know if a Democrat was allowed to be a delegate, that Mr. W. S. Britt had declared that Mr. Parker had voted every man he could in the Democratic primary last August. Parker said it was a lie. Dr. Norment said Mr. W. S. Britt had said that that was a fact and for Parker not to call him a liar. Parker said that he had said that it was a lie, with due respect to Norment. Dr. Norment walked up and down, said he had W. S. Britt's word for it, and not to call him a lie. Looked like a hot-hot time, but nothing doing.

Mr. Pat McEachern of Smith's township moved that they eliminate name Republican and substitute Progressive.

Before this motion received a

SENATOR SIMMONS ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED TO LUMBERTON

Senator Simmons was enthusiastically greeted at the Seaboard station last evening when he arrived from Wilmington and a steady stream of people visited him at the Waverly hotel this morning. As The Robesonian goes to press he is speaking at the court house.

TOWN AFFAIRS.

Sanitary Ordinance Amended—Special Police Officer and Street Foreman Elected—Join Firemen's Association—Other Matters.

The town commissioners held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday night in the office of the mayor.

Town Attorney Lee was instructed to take such steps as may be necessary to collect money due for street and sidewalk paving and cemetery lots.

The sanitary ordinance was amended so as to reduce from 100 to 75 feet the distance within which a property owner may maintain a surface closet with regard to his own residence, the distance remaining 100 feet as regarding any other property, as formerly. Thus a step backward was taken. Mayor Caldwell was instructed to see that the sanitary ordinance is enforced and to require that all connection be made as provided in the ordinance.

Dr. Rowland Dees was allowed a rebate of \$10, veterinary license tax already collected.

F. L. Prevatt was elected special police officer and street foreman at a salary of \$50 per month.

The order made at a recent meeting that license be granted T. A. Shepherd of Wilmington to open a pool and billiard room here was reconsidered and the permit was revoked.

The superintendent of the water and light department was instructed to have all water hydrants repaired which may be reported by the chief of the fire department.

It was ordered that a cluster light be placed near the Clark hotel, on the corner of First and Pine streets.

Members of the fire department were authorized, at the instance of Chief J. P. Townsend, to join the State Firemen's Association, the town to pay initiation fees and dues not to exceed \$15. By doing this the town gets back one-half of 1 per cent of premiums paid to foreign insurance companies and members are also entitled to other benefits.

Superior Court.

The time of the superior court, Judge Jas. L. Webb presiding, has been taken up since yesterday morning, until noon today, when the case went to the jury, with the case of the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co. vs. J. W. McKay, a suit for balance of purchase money for a traction engine, \$1,774 and interest from April, 1906. Mr. McKay, who lives near Rowland, just across the State line, in South Carolina, is represented by the firms of McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor and McLean, Varner & McLean. The suit was contested on the ground of fraud. Mr. Dorman Thompson and ex-Lieut. Gov. W. D. Turner of Statesville represent the plaintiff.

Divorces have been granted in the following cases: Ernest Pitman vs Sarah Pitman; Mary Carter vs Charles Carter; Willis Locklear vs Maggie Locklear. In M. B. Sutton vs J. R. Steele, Sutton was given a judgement for \$925, and he obtained about \$700 of that amount from the City Barber Shop, which he attached.

Tent Meeting at Flowers' Crossing.

A tent meeting will begin at Flowers' Crossing next Sunday, the 6th inst. It will be conducted by Revs. W. O. Williams of Fort Mead, Fla., and J. L. Mitchell of Bessemer, Ala. Those coming from the north may change cars at Lumberton and those coming from the south change at Marion, S. C.

PUBLIC HEALTH WORK.

Individual Responsibility Toward this Important Work—Reduction in Death Rate From Typhoid.

The latter part of last winter the physicians, board of health and commissioners of Robeson county met in Lumberton to consider the advisability of securing a health officer for his entire time. The physicians were noble and generous enough even at their financial sacrifice to advise the creation of the office, since about one-half of the sickness in the county is due to preventable diseases. The board of commissioners and board of health considered it a good investment for the county since the loss of labor and deaths resulting from these diseases amounted to about \$1,000,000 annually, or about \$20 per capita.

At a subsequent meeting the present county physician was nominated by the county medical society and elected by the county board of health. It was decided that the duties of the county superintendent of health should be those prescribed in Chapter 62, Section 11 of the Public Health Laws of North Carolina as amended by the General Assembly of 1911, with any additional duties deemed wise by the county medical society, county commissioners, or county board of health.

For convenience, the duties might be divided into two divisions: First, the official duties of the office, which include post-mortem examinations, examination of lunatics, professional services to the convict camp, jail, and county home, and quarantine of infectious diseases. On the fee basis this work cost the county last year more than half as much as the present incumbent's salary. This requires about one-third of the physician's time.

Since March 1st five post-mortem examinations have been made; twelve examinations for commitment to asylums; an average of three visits to the convict camp per month and an expenditure of \$60 by the health officer to other physicians to closely guard the health conditions of the convicts; an average of three visits to the jail and two visits to the county home per week; 177 homes quarantined for infectious diseases; thirteen homes fumigated and the court house fumigated three times. In addition to these, the correspondence, reports and minor duties of the office have received attention.

The second division of the work is that which pertains to school inspection, educational work tending toward the eradication of preventable diseases, and the reduction of the high death rate.

Of the fifty schools already inspected in the county an average of 10 per cent. of the pupils were found to be severely hindered in their school work as a result of defective eyes, ears, adenoids, tonsils, teeth, or advanced cases of hookworm disease. Pupils so afflicted prove to be not only a hindrance to themselves but they check the progress of the whole school so much that no doubt one-tenth of the school work is absolutely lost. Proper treatment will remove these defects. If any parent is unable to have these defects treated, if he will make it known to the county physician he will arrange with specialists for proper treatment at a very small fee and in the majority of cases entirely free.

Last year Robeson spent \$75,000 for school purposes. If all schools in the county will average with the fifty visited, the county is losing annually \$7,500 as a result of physical defects among school children.

The work leading toward the eradication of preventable diseases has been varied. Eleven thousand pamphlets on preventable diseases have been distributed; six hundred homes have been inspected; seven hundred and fifty people vaccinated; six hundred treatments administered for hookworm disease; eighty-four health talks have been made; sixty-six newspaper articles written; thirty-four hundred miles traveled attending the duties of the office.

Vital statistics which are be-

HAVE YOUR PART IN THE WILSON CAMPAIGN FUND

Lining it out like that, The Baltimore Sun says that the Wilson campaign fund is going to be different from all other campaign funds ever collected in the United States. "Not a President within the memory of the present generation but has been elected partly through the help of money donated by corporations whose interests might or might not conflict with the interests of the people. Every President so elected has been in a position where any day he might be called on to take a stand which would prove him ungrateful either to the people or to the special interests which had befriended him. Wilson will be the first President in years absolutely free from such obligations."

But, as The Sun adds, such a campaign fund will be of sufficient size only if every man who is interested contributes. According to announcement made at National headquarters on the 26th ult., total contributions to that date amounted to \$298,750. But at least \$750,000 more is needed.

Last Friday The Robesonian made a remittance to Mr. Hugh McRae of Wilmington, treasurer of the fund for North Carolina, and sent in all the names of those whose contributions have been acknowledged through this paper. In due time each contributor will receive a receipt from the National treasurer. Since Thursday's issue the following have contributed:

L. E. Whaley \$ 1.00
E. L. Whaley 1.00
Dr. H. T. Pope 1.00
Alex McGirt, Rowland 1.00
C. B. Redmund 1.00
Previously acknowledged 168.50

Total \$173.50

Concert at Opera House This Evening by Singing Class of Oxford Orphanage.

The singing class of the Oxford orphanage will give a concert at the local opera house this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. The time has been changed from tomorrow evening, the original date, to this evening on account of the fact that Senator Simmons spoke in Maxton, where the concert was to be given this evening, tonight. They will be in Maxton tomorrow night. These children always give a delightful concert and they will be greeted by a large crowd here. You will enjoy the concert if you go and you will be helping a good cause.

Judge Clark Speaks in Lumberton Monday.

Chief Justice Walter Clark will speak in the court house here Monday of next week during the noon recess of court in the interest of his candidacy for the United States Senate.

ing collected tend to show a marked reduction in death rate from preventable diseases this year over last year. The disease most prominent to all is typhoid fever. Very few deaths from this disease this year compared with last year.

Wherever health campaigns have been waged, the death rate has been lowered. The most striking examples are India and Prussia. In India, where sanitation is unknown, the average duration of life is 23 years, or what it was about 40 years ago. In Prussia it is more than 44 years and increasing at rate of 27 years per century. In Prussia sanitary science has reached the height of perfection.

The basic principle of public health work rests upon what has been accomplished.

Since disease and death are preventable, are not those having the power to prevent them responsible for loss of life if this power is not used? Preventable disease is subject to public control and death from such a disease is, therefore, a public crime. Let no man suppose that public health is a matter in which he has no personal interest. We may evade the duty but we can never be sure of evading the penalties of its neglect.

B. W. Page
Co. Supt. Health

BRIEF SOCIAL NEWS ITEMS

—Attorney General T. W. Bickett spoke at Rowland and Fairmont yesterday and spent last night in Lumberton, leaving this morning for Clarkton and Wilmington.

—On the second Sunday, October 13, there will be all-day missionary services at Barker's church. Everybody cordially invited to attend. Services will begin at 10 o'clock.

—Mr. C. M. Fuller is expected to return tomorrow from St. Louis, Mo., where he has been for several days purchasing horses and mules for his sales stables, Second and Chestnut streets.

—Patha weekly No. 24 will be shown at the Pastime show tomorrow, beginning at 4:30 in the afternoon. Beside this picture which is one of the best ever shown anywhere, two other good reels will be exhibited.

—Capt. William Daugherty, engineer on the Raleigh & Charleston Railroad, and family left this morning for Asheville, where they will spend eight or ten days. Mr. John Jones is substiting for Capt. "Bill."

—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fuller, who since their marriage some months ago had been boarding with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Crichton on Elm street, moved Tuesday into the cottage on Water street recently vacated by Mr. C. B. Skipper and family.

—Mrs. N. P. Andrews underwent an operation Tuesday evening at the Thompson hospital for appendicitis. Her condition this morning was as good as could be expected. Mrs. Andrews has been in ill health for some time and it had been hoped that an operation would not be necessary.

—Mr. John Roach is carrying his left hand in a sling as a result of the accidental firing of a pistol this morning about 10 o'clock at Mr. Jasper Bryant's bicycle repair shop on Fourth street. Mr. Roach was trying to remove a ball that had lodged in the pistol, when it fired and the ball went clear through the palm of his left hand. Mr. Roach went at once to the Thompson hospital, where he received medical attention.

Miss Josephine Breece's Millinery Opening—Out-of-Town Visitors

Miss Josephine Breece's millinery opening, Tuesday and yesterday, attracted many visitors. The store presented a most attractive appearance and the hats, all about in tasteful profusion, were beautiful and cunning and darling and cute enough to tempt even a mere man without even the excuse of a bewitching girl beneath. And of course the ladies, who visited the store in crowds, were tempted past endurance. Here for this opening were people from St. Paul, Boardman, Rowland, McDonald, Fairmont, Red Springs, Back Swamp, Barker's and rural routes from Lumberton, too numerous to mention.

Congressman Claude Kitchin Holds a Conference With Friends Here.

Congressman Claude Kitchin spent Monday night in Lumberton. He made no speech but held a conference which lasted until about midnight in the dining room of the Waverly hotel with local supporters of his brother, the Governor, in his fight for the United States Senate. It is understood that about a dozen men attended the conference, among them being County Treasurer M. G. McKenzie and son, Mr. Shelton, Messrs. R. D. Caldwell, S. McIntyre, Jas. D. Proctor, J. A. McDougald, W. P. and J. D. McAllister, M. W. Floyd and Alf H. McLeod.

Public School Examinations.

Examinations for public school teachers will be held next week in the office of County Superintendent, J. R. Pool, Thursday, 10th, for white teachers, Friday for colored teachers, Saturday for Indian teachers.

One way to relieve habitual constipation is to take regularly a mild laxative. Doan's Regulets are recommended for this purpose. 25c a box at all drug stores.

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