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DEADLOCK AT FRISCO

Convention Adjourned Over Sunday After 22 Ballots Had Failed to Nominate a Candidate for President—Cox and McAdoo Are Leading and Their Followers are Confident of Winning—Bryan Will Trot Out Some More "Dark Horses."

San Francisco, July 5.—Balloting was resumed this morning with the following results:

TWENTY-THIRD BALLOT.

Cox 429, Palmer 181 1-2, McAdoo 364 1-2, Davis 50 1-2, Cummings 5, Owen 34, Glass 25, Clark 2, Ring Lardner 1-2, Cobb 1 1-2. Not voting 3 1-2.

TWENTY-FOURTH BALLOT.

Cox 429, Palmer 177, McAdoo 364 1-2, Davis 54 1-2, Cummings 5, Owen 34, Glass 25, Clark 2, Underwood 1.

TWENTY-FIFTH BALLOT.

Cox 429, Palmer 169, McAdoo 364 1-2, Davis 58 1-2, Cummings 4, Owen 4, Glass 23, Clark 2, Underwood 9, Pershing 1, absent 3.

After the 22nd ballot had failed to break the deadlock in the Democratic convention at San Francisco, the convention adjourned Saturday night to meet again this morning in further attempts to nominate a candidate for President.

A United Press special to The Robesonian this morning states that followers of each of the three leading candidates profess intention of keeping up the fight and that little change is expected on the first few ballots. The definite statement has been made that Mississippi will change from Cox to McAdoo after the 23rd ballot and Iowa is expected to change to McAdoo.

In the balloting which began Friday, resumed Saturday and kept up until the convention adjourned after the 22nd ballot, W. G. McAdoo led in the first eleven ballots, with Attorney General Palmer second in the first 6 ballots but yielding second place in the seventh to Governor Cox of Ohio, who steadily gained until in the 12th ballot he took the lead from McAdoo and held the lead through the last ballot taken Saturday night. The vote for the three leading candidates on the 22nd ballot was: Cox 430, McAdoo 372 1-2, Palmer 166 1-2. Two so-called "dark horses" who received the next highest votes in the 22 ballots were Ambassador Davis and Homer Cummings.

William J. Bryan said last night that he considered it expedient for the convention to go outside the list of candidates already before it for a nominee and that he would suggest a number of men.

North Carolina's 24 votes were cast for Senator Simmons on the first two ballots but when the third ballot was taken Saturday morning these 24 votes were swung to McAdoo, as expected.

ENJOYABLE CAMPING TRIP.

Club Boys and Girls of Robeson and Columbus County Had Fine Time at Lake Waccamaw Last Week.

Robeson county club boys and girls had a most enjoyable camping trip at Lake Waccamaw from Tuesday to Friday night of last week. They were joined by the club boys and girls of Columbus, the number from both counties totalling 110. The Philadelphia section of Robeson sent the largest delegation.

The mornings were taken up with class work, the afternoons with recreation and in the evenings pictures, games, songs and story telling claimed the attention of the party. The Robeson delegation was chaperoned by Miss Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent, and Mr. O. O. Duke, county farm demonstration agent. A fuller report of the trip has been promised The Robesonian.

MR. C. A. INMAN PASSES.

Prominent Citizen of Fairmont Section Died Thursday Afternoon—Funeral Largely Attended.

Fairmont, July 5.—Mr. C. A. Inman, one of the most prominent men of this section, passed away at his home near here Thursday afternoon. He was 71 years old and had lived in this section all his life. He was a consecrated Christian gentleman, a member of the First Baptist church here. The funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at the home at 4 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. J. R. Miller, assisted by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth, a former pastor. The funeral was largely attended by relatives and friends.

Ice Cream Supper at Oakdale.

There will be an ice-cream supper at Oak Dale Saturday night, July 10th. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Prof. A. J. Caldwell, superintendent of the Philadelphia farm-life school, is a Lumberton visitor today. Mrs. W. R. McGill went Saturday to Hartsville, S. C., where she will spend ten days visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sharpe.

DEPUTY KITCHEN KILLED.

J. A. Kitchen Dies of Wounds Received When Shot By Negro, John Henry Bethea, Near Maxton Friday Night—Ben Bethea Also Killed in Sam Pistol Battle When Officers Kitchen and Walter Smith Stopped Beside Wagon Loaded With Whiskey.

Deputy Sheriff J. A. Kitchen of Alfordville township was shot and killed Friday night by John Henry Bethea, colored, and Ben Bethea, brother of the man who killed Deputy Kitchen, was shot to death during the exchange of shots between the negroes and Deputy Kitchen and Rural Policeman Walter Smith.

The shooting took place in Maxton township about 4 miles from Maxton. Messrs. Kitchen and Smith were out looking after some official business when they came across a Buick auto stopped in the road. They were unable to get by the Buick and stopped their car. As the officers stopped their car a negro woman jumped out of the Buick and ran. This attracted the attention of the officers and Deputy Kitchen stepped out of his car. Just as he stepped to the ground Bethea began firing at him. One bullet entered his abdomen and another struck his left arm. Officer Kitchen fired five shots at his assailant after he had been mortally wounded, but the negro escaped and has not been apprehended. As above stated, Ben Bethea was killed during the pitched battle. The auto driven by the negroes was captured and there were five gallons of whiskey and about 100 pounds of sugar on the car. Deputy Kitchen was rushed to a hospital at Havelock and died about 3 o'clock Saturday morning. The shooting took place about 9 o'clock Friday night. The Bethea negroes lived in Dillon county, South Carolina. They had stopped their car on account of a puncture.

Deputy Kitchen was around 50 years old and is survived by his wife and 5 children. He was well and favorably known throughout the county. He had served as a deputy for a number of years and was one of the most fearless officers that ever served the county. His untimely death brought sorrow to many hearts. A reward of \$250 has been offered by the county commissioners for the arrest of Bethea. It has been reported to the officers that Bethea was struck by two bullets, but that he was not seriously hurt.

Mr. Kitchen's funeral was conducted from Mt. Moriah Baptist church of which church he was a member, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and interment was made in the family burying ground. The funeral was attended by a large crowd.

NEGRO MURDERED

NEAR PARKTON

Crap Game Results in Arch DeVane's Head Being Almost Cut Off by Dave Blue—Blue Arrested.

Arch DeVane, colored, was cut to death by Duncan Blue, also colored, near Parkton Saturday afternoon. Blue used a knife and practically severed DeVane's head from his body, it is said. Blue was arrested at Lumber Bridge Saturday night and is in jail here. The killing followed a crap game, according to Blue.

One Negro Shot Another at Pembroke.

One negro was shot by another at Pembroke Saturday night. The shooting was not fatal. The particulars have not been learned.

HAS UGLY GASH IN FOREHEAD.

Levina Singletary Used an Axe When Ab Graham Acted Rough in Her House—Ab is in Jail.

Ab Graham, colored, who lives in Alfordville, township, was brought to jail this morning by Rural Policeman Walter Smith. Graham is charged with raising a rough house and flashing a pistol at the home of Levina Singletary, also colored, yesterday. Graham is carrying an ugly gash in his forehead, which it is said was made with an axe in the hands of Levina.

MURDER AT FAIRMONT.

Will Price Charged With Stabbing Burney Nichols to Death—Both Negroes—Price in Jail.

Will Price, colored, is in jail charged with killing Burney Nichols, also colored, at Fairmont Saturday night. Nichols was stabbed in the breast with a knife and only lived a few minutes after he was stabbed. Price was drunk at the time he attacked Nichols, it is said.

Robeson Couple Married in Greensboro.

Paul S. Steed, of Maxton, and Miss Grace McMillan, of Red Springs, were married Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock at the residence of J. L. Wingham, on Simpson street. Mr. Steed is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Wingham. Dr. E. L. Bain performed the ceremony in the presence of a few friends. The wedding music was rendered by Mrs. F. M. Clements. Mr. and Mrs. Steed left at 10:30 for a trip to Washington and Philadelphia.—Greensboro News, July 4th.

MORRISON LEADS FOR GOVERNOR

Charlotte Man Apparently Nominated For Governor by Majority of Over 5,000 Over Gardner—Stacy and Durham Have Lead Over Long and Cook.

A long-distance 'phone message to The Robesonian from the Raleigh News and Observer at noon today stated that there was no doubt of the nomination of Cameron Morrison for Governor in Saturday's primary over O. Max Gardner. Returns from only 3 counties had been received up to noon besides those given in this morning's paper. These were: Hyde, small majority for Morrison; Hoke, 2 to 1 for Morrison; Sampson, 7 of 15 precincts, 105 majority for Morrison.

This morning's News and Observer states that reports compiled yesterday covering 73 of the 100 counties showed a total vote of 95,957, divided as follows:

Morrison, 50,757; Gardner, 45,200. Robeson county's total vote was: Morrison, 1861; Gardner, 2472.

Incomplete returns indicate that Stacy leads Long for associate justice of the Supreme court by more than 10,000, and that Baxter Durham leads J. P. Cook for State Auditor by more than 6,000 votes. The vote in Robeson was: Stacy, 3213; Long, 761; Durham, 2895; Cook 927.

Report of the Robeson county vote by townships must be held over for Thursday's Robesonian.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

C. A. Inman, Near Fairmont.

Mr. C. A. Inman, aged 71 years, died Friday at his home near Fairmont, death resulting from Bright's disease and paralysis. Deceased is survived by his widow and four children. The funeral was conducted from the home Saturday at 3 p. m. by Rev. J. R. Miller, pastor of the Fairmont Baptist church, assisted by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth of Lumberton. Mr. Inman was well-known and was a good citizen.

Susie Oxendine.

Susie Oxendine, Indian, died yesterday at her home near Buie. The cause of her death has not been learned.

Miss Alice Powers of Barkers.

Miss Alice Powers, aged about 22 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Powers of the Barker's section, died Friday at the Thompson hospital. Deceased had been ill three weeks with some head trouble. Interment was made in the family burying ground at Regan church yesterday at 2:30 p. m.

Britt-Hayes.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Pauls, July 2.—Miss Sophia Lee Hayes of St. Pauls and Mr. Kinchen Britt of Howellsville township were married here June 29th at the home of the bride's father, Mr. S. D. Hayes. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. C. Murray.

The couple left for a trip to Hendersonville and on their return will be in St. Pauls for a few weeks. Their many friends wish them much happiness.

Steed-Hamer.

A quiet, but pretty wedding was solemnized Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hamer, of Maxton, route 1, when their daughter, Miss Gladys McNeill Hamer, became the bride of Mr. Hubert F. Steed, of Maxton, Rev. Neill McInnis, of Kannapolis, brother-in-law of the bride, performed the ceremony.

Steed-McMillan.

Mr. Paul Steed, left Tuesday morning for Greensboro, where he was happily married Wednesday evening to Miss Grace McMillan, of Red Springs, now holding a position in Lynchburg, Va.—Maxton Scottish Chief.

TOBACCO MEN MEET TUESDAY AT FLORENCE

To Take Steps to Guard Against Freight Tie-Up.

A meeting of importance, to tobacco warehousemen, bankers, and tobacco growers will be held at Florence, S. C., tomorrow at 11:30 a. m. The meeting has been called by Mr. N. A. McMillan, vice-president of the South Carolina Tobacco association. In a letter to Mr. C. A. D. Eakes of Lumberton, Mr. McMillan urges the importance of the meeting in order to guard against a possible freight tie-up as resulted during the last selling season, causing an enormous loss to the tobacco-growers.

Orphanage Sentiment in Lumberton.

Rev. A. S. Barnes superintendent of the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh says the Methodist Sunday school at Lumberton contributes more money to the orphanage than any other Sunday school in the conference. We are not surprised to hear it. But we must be permitted to say that the great Sunday school of the First Baptist church is largely responsible for the wholesome orphanage sentiment in and around Lumberton.—Charity and Children.

LYON NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS

Homer L. Lyon Wins Over Godwin in Sixth by Large Majority—Godwin Concedes Defeat and Pledges Support to Lyon.

Homer L. Lyon of Whiteville defeated H. L. Godwin for Sixth district Representative in Congress in the primary Saturday by a majority of over 2,000 votes. Lyon carried every county in the district except Godwin's home county, Harnett. In a statement issued last night at Wilmington Congressman Godwin conceded his defeat and pledged his support to Lyon in the coming primary.

Congressman Godwin was first elected to Congress in 1906, defeating Hon. G. B. Patterson, who had served two terms, for the nomination, and is serving now his seventh consecutive term.

Mr. Lyon is a son of Judge Lyon of Elizabethtown and has been solicitor of his judicial district for several years. Robeson county, which in the numerous fierce conflicts Mr. Godwin has gone through when others contested for the nomination stood by Godwin, giving him a substantial majority, gave Lyon a majority of 890 in the primary Saturday, the total vote being: Lyon 2805; Godwin, 1715.

LAURINBURG'S MILLIONAIRE IN RECORDER'S COURT

Persistent Refusal to Comply With Sanitary Privy Law Brings John F. McNair Before Recorder—But He Was Dealt With Gently.

Persistent refusal to comply with the sanitary privy law landed John F. McNair, Laurinburg millionaire in Scotland county recorder's court Tuesday morning, according to a statement given out by the State Board of Health Wednesday. A verdict of guilty was entered against the non-compliant Scotchman, but the recorder tempered the winds of justice by letting him off upon payment of costs.

Sundry other citizens of the town were in attendance at the Tuesday session in Laurinburg in the capacity of defendants in similar actions, and were found guilty, the statement says, and were allowed to go upon promises to comply with the law hereafter. Laurinburg was the beginning point of a statewide campaign on the part of the Department of Health to enforce strict observance of the sanitary privy law.

An augmented corps of inspectors are working in several sections of the State, checking up on property owners and their observance of the law. Six defendants were in court at Norwood recently and paid the fine and costs. The campaign is a part of the drive in the State to eliminate typhoid fever entirely, as well as other contagious diseases spread by inadequate sanitation.

Work of vaccination against typhoid fever has begun in earnest in two counties, and in several others plans are completed for beginning actual work in the near future. Dr. Luther Buchanan, working in Alamance county this week, vaccinated 2,600 people in two days. Dr. C. S. Mangum treated 1,036 in Gaston county on Monday. Work is planned in Mecklenburg, Franklin, Harnett, Bladen and Duplin counties to begin shortly.

Tar Heels in McAdoo Demonstration.

(John A. Livingston in Raleigh News and Observer.)

San Francisco, June 30.—North Carolina stood firmly for McAdoo at the convention this afternoon when his name was presented by Dr. Burris A. Jenkins, of Kansas City, in one of the shortest nominating speeches on record. Tar Heel delegates were among the first to join in the great McAdoo demonstration, which lasted for forty-five minutes. Guy Roberts carried the North Carolina standard in the procession composed of delegates from thirty States.

North Carolinians took no part in the New York demonstration when Bourke Cockran formally pledged Tammany's allegiance to the principles of President Woodrow Wilson after nominating Governor Smith in an eloquent speech.

Over 20 Million Depositors in National Banks.

Depositors in national banks on May 4 numbered 20,380,350—an average of more than one account for every five persons, and the highest total in the history of the country, Comptroller of the Currency Williams announced Friday night. The increase in depositors during the past ten years has been 12,689,882, or 165 per cent.

Returns of the national banks at the time of the May 4 call aggregated \$22,038,714,000, the largest total ever reported with the single exception of December 31, 1919, Comptroller Williams stated. The increase since May 12, 1919, was \$1,218,723,000.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cox of St. Pauls passed through town this morning en route home from Wrightsville Beach, where they spent the week-end.

Miss Donnie Stone has returned home from Parkton, where she spent some time visiting at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Parnell.

TOBACCO MARKET WILL OPEN JULY 20

Markets in South Carolina Belt Decide on Opening Day—Meeting at Chadbourn July 10.

Tobacco markets in the South Carolina belt, which includes those in Robeson, will open Tuesday, July 20. This is about 5 days later than the usual opening day, the later date being fixed on account of the lateness of the crop.

The opening date was decided upon at a meeting in Florence, S. C., Saturday of the South Carolina Tobacco Warehousemen's association. Another meeting of this association will be held at Florence tomorrow.

A meeting of the East Pee Dee Tobacco Warehousemen's association will be held at Chadbourn Saturday, July 10 to consider important matters connected with marketing the crop. Farmers are invited to attend this meeting.

Mr. C. A. D. Eakes of the Star warehouse of Lumberton attended the meeting at Florence Saturday.

508 MILES OF ROAD AT OVER 7 MILLIONS

Gravel or Hard-Surface Road Completed or Under Construction by Highway Commission.

Raleigh News and Observer. Five hundred and eight miles of gravel and hard surfaced roads, representing an outlay of \$7,327,823.58 have been completed or under construction by the North Carolina Highway Commission, according to figures given out by Commissioner Frank Page yesterday. The figures include expenditures for bridges along the various roads under construction.

The total mileage of highways is divided among 73 projects in more than half the counties in the State and represents work accomplished since the re-organization of the commission under the road measures passed at the 1919 session of the General Assembly, except for one bridge in Mecklenburg county and several minor stretches of road which were begun by the old highway commission.

The average cost per mile for the 127.2 miles of hard surfaced roads under contract and construction is \$31,468 and for the gravel roads \$8,495 per mile. The cost of both types of road has advanced somewhat during the past few months, hard surfaced road costing about \$40,000 per mile and gravel roads about \$10,000. The cost of bridges varies widely, depending upon the design and type of construction.

Troubles Not Ended.

The troubles of road contractors, particularly those engaged in building hard surfaced roads, was not ended by the amending of the Interstate Commerce Commission order as to hauling crushed stone. The order was not amended enough to help North Carolina contractors, and many of them are still standing idle, with no crushed stone wherewith to continue operation.

The order against hauling anything except coal in open-top freight cars was issued last week, which put an embargo on all road building materials. The result was the practical suspension of road work in the State. Mr. Page and the Corporation Commission took the matter up with the Interstate Commerce Commission, with the result that an amendment was made to the order that looked to an ordinary observer like relief for the contractors.

When contractors tried to get stone moving again, they found an entirely different interpretation of the order among the railroads, and there is still no stone to be had. Mr. Page is going to Washington and enlist the aid of Senators Simmons and Overman, taking with him strong letters from Governor Bickett and the Corporation Commission and endeavor to have something done that will bring some relief to his road work. As yet they are standing still, waiting for rock that doesn't come.

Meeting Places for Community Service.

Renner Monday night, July 5th. Orum Tuesday night, July 6th. Rex Wednesday night, July 7th. Back Swamp Thursday night, July 8th.

Parkton Friday night, July 9th. Pembroke Normal (Ind) Saturday night, July 10th.

Programme:

How grain is improved by experiment.

Box Beach or scenes from Central America.

A Purple Dress (two reels) A Rumbunkous Adventure. Mutt and Jeff as Detectives.

M. N. FOLGER,

Director Community Service of Robeson County.

NORTH CAROLINA VOTED "NO" ON BOTH PLANKS

The North Carolina delegation at San Francisco cast a negative vote for both the "bone dry" plank, fostered by W. J. Bryan, and the "moist" plank of W. Bourke Cockran.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. A. Weinstein will leave this evening for New York to buy goods for his department store.

—Marriage license has been issued for Chas. W. McCormick and Avra Bullock; Raymond L. Deaton and Blanche Cole.

—Miss Lillian Nance left Friday morning for Bonlee, Chatham county, where she expects to teach in a summer school.

—A hail and wind storm did considerable damage to crops in the Old Kingsdale section Thursday afternoon. The hail did not cover a large territory, however.

—The county commissioners, the county board of education, the county road board and the county pension board are all holding regular monthly meeting here today.

—Mrs. A. P. Floyd of the Fairmont section entered the Thompson hospital for treatment Saturday. She was accompanied to Lumberton by her husband and son, Mr. George Floyd.

—The Home Demonstration club will meet Thursday of this week at 4:30 p. m. in the domestic science room at the graded school building. The work done by this club is of value to every woman living in Lumberton and all the women are urged to attend the meeting Thursday.

—Among the many Lumberton people who spent the week-end at Wrightsville Beach were: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bullock, Miss Nora Britt, Mrs. Mattie Barrett and daughter, Miss Gwendolyn Barrett, Messrs. R. T. Sanderson, M. M. Rozier, Clayton Hall, J. W. Prevatt, Jr., J. M. Terry and F. Grover Britt.

—Mrs. Claire S. Thomas, State film librarian, of Raleigh, has been a guest since Saturday at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy McLeod. She will leave this evening for Chicago, where she will spend the rest of the week, and thence she will go to Madison, Wis., to attend a conference at the National Academy of Visual Instruction July 14-16. From Raleigh correspondence of the Greensboro News it is learned that Mrs. Thomas is doing excellent work in the position to which she went from the position of director of community service in Robeson. She is on the program for an address at Madison.

BRYAN TURNS CONVENTION ALMOST UPSIDE DOWN.

In Speech on Bone-Dry Plank Bryan by Force of His Magnetism and Oratory Started Big Demonstration. An Associated Press dispatch of July 2 from San Francisco gives the following:

Wm. Jennings Bryan with one of his old time speeches in support of a bone-dry plank for the Democratic platform, turned the convention almost upside down late this afternoon with the magnetism and force of his oratory and started one of the greatest and noisiest demonstrations the assembly had yet seen.

When Bryan had concluded his reply to the advocates of a wet plank the demonstration cut loose on the floor and, wholly unaided by the band or the organ or any other instrumentalities which had been effectively used to keep other demonstrations going, it proceeded spontaneously and resisted all efforts to get the convention back to order.

Bryan, standing smiling in the limelight, at the edge of the speaker's platform and with tears of emotion coursing down his cheeks, reviewed a procession of prohibition enthusiasts who tore up state standards and started a moving column of delegates about the hall. There was more than one fight over whether a state standard should go in the demonstration. A particularly spectacular battle raged around possession of the California standard where, when Mrs. Georgia C. Ormsby, of Oakland, attempted to carry the standard into the demonstration a number of men attempted to prevent it.

Among them was an assistant sergeant at arms. Francis J. Heney pounced on the man and threw him into the crowd. All that remained of the standard when the wreckage was cleared away was a paste board top which once had borne the letters of the state named. Alabama's standard suffered a similar fate, and the bits were triumphantly borne about the hall by the prohibition forces.

During the demonstration some one bore the standard of Bryan's home state to the platform and reaching out, Bryan lifted it high above the rest, while the crowd roared.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Andrews of Fairmont and Mr. Andrews' father, Mr. J. W. Andrews, and brother, Mr. Carl Andrews of R. J. Fairmont, are among the visitors in town today.

Representative J. S. Oliver and son, Mr. Paul Oliver, Miss Elizabeth Sellers of Sellers, S. C., and Miss Mildred Bowles of Hickory, who are guests at the Oliver home, near Marietta, were among the visitors in town Saturday.

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