

Predominating Questions at Democratic Convention Are "Who and When"

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Convention Hall, New York, June 25—Back of all the hubbub and excitement incident to the opening of the Democratic National convention, the predominating questions are, "Who and When?" With the juggling of personalities by factions, nobody seems to know at this time just who will receive the nomination for the Presidency. Not even the fanfare of party trumpets sounding a note of optimism for the coming elections and the parade of "favorite sons" can detract the attention of the delegates from their speculative mood as to the "break" in the balloting and the choice of a man to head the ticket.

The noise in the convention hall is at all times deafening whenever the name of a prominent Democrat is mentioned. Formerly, it was a maxim to recognize "principles, and not men". But now the situation has been completely reversed. The Democratic conclave is now witnessing a test of strength between personalities, principally William Gibbs McAdoo and Alfred G. Smith, leading contenders for the first honors. Students of political history say that it is reminiscent of the days of Andrew Jackson, when personal politics replaced parties.

Behind Closed Doors
To an impartial observer it is becoming increasingly apparent that the game is seamy between Messrs. McAdoo and Smith will end when their representatives can agree upon a "harmony" nominee, and there is where the proverbial "dark horse" makes his appearance. Anybody familiar with the strategy of political leaders knows full well that the real business of the convention will be transacted behind closed doors when the enthusiasm of State delegations for their native sons subsides. The wise chieftains are influenced more by their secret policies of the various state delegations than the noisy demonstration on the convention floor. The situation regarding leading candidates is so complicated that everybody expects that a number of days will be taken up by balloting. It is predicted that gradually, but surely, the contest will dwindle down to two or three personalities and then the convention program will assume definite form. Unlike the Cleveland convention, the Democratic meeting is focused on the office of the presidency with little attention paid to the vice-presidential nominees. Many of the old-timers are working hard to bring about a change of attitude on the part of the convention for this high office. References have been made to the strong personality of General Dewey, Republican nominee for Vice-President, who, it is said, will be the real campaigner for the G. O. P. The suggestion has been made that the Democrats should select a man of equal prominence in order to balance their ticket, but at present nobody gives a serious thought to the subject.

Crazy Indian Was Walking Arsenal

Ishmael Chavis Had to be Shot Through Leg Before He Would Surrender to Officers—Had Four Shooting Irons Loaded for Action.
Reinforced with a double-barrel shotgun, an automatic pistol, a 44 revolver and a Winchester rifle, all loaded for action, Ishmael Chavis, crazy Indian of near Rowland, had to be shot through the leg before he could be taken when Officers Miller, Carper, McLeod, deputies, and Sitten and Rogers, of Rowland, went for him yesterday afternoon. Carper shot him, inflicting a flesh wound, only when after the second peaceful attempt the Indian drew his automatic and threatened to shoot. Chavis was lodged in jail here and kept those near the jail awake for some time by trying to tear the place down.

DAN HARDIN AND ELLIS HERRING TO BE TRIED JULY 23RD.

Second of Men Charged With Brutally Assaulting Aggie Sellers Gets Out on Bond—Sellers Woman is Recovering.
The trial of Dan Hardin and Ellis Herring, who are charged with brutally assaulting Aggie Sellers, who was knocked unconscious as she was returning from Fairmont in company with Herring's father and left in the woods all night in an unconscious condition, has been set for the 23rd of July.

The Sellers woman who remained in a state of coma in the Baker sanatorium here for several days after being brought in, was discharged last Friday and is doing nicely. Hardin and Herring, who were lodged in the county jail here shortly after the alleged attack, are both out on bond. Hardin was released some time ago and Herring was released yesterday under a \$500 bond.

—You can get all the ice you want now. The iceless, or near iceless days of last week, when one's depot contained a scanty quantity of ice, are gone forever, according to Mr. M. A. Geddies, who says that he can supply all the ice needed.

Parliamentary Difficulties
The Democrats are also faced with parliamentary difficulties on the management of their convention. The opening of the convention found the two-thirds rule for nominating a highly important problem. It is said that the candidacy of Mr. McAdoo hinges largely upon the revision of this parliamentary rule. As a consequence, it is receiving more than ordinary attention from the delegates. The Smith and Underwood spokesmen have announced their opposition to the repeal of the two-thirds rule unless the unit rule, another controversial item, is also repealed. Well-informed political observers who have talked with leaders of various state delegations say that there is little likelihood of the unit rule being wiped out as it has formed the basis in the determining of state rights for years, and accordingly recognized as a fundamental principle of the Democratic party. Strong partisans insist that the two rules cannot be considered separately and, therefore, it is argued that the possibility of changing the parliamentary tactics are more or less remote.

In the pro and con discussion of the question of rules, the claim is made that if the two-thirds rule be abrogated, while the unit rule prevails, a few of the large States, since their delegations may be nearly evenly divided, may, by enforcing the unit rule, secure a majority of the convention for a candidate whom only a minority of the delegates really favor. The two-thirds rule lessens the probability of this. These two rules have been called by Becke and Lohinger, and other political theorists, "two parts of a single system and that system the casting of State votes as a unit".

Platform
Meanwhile, a small group of delegates, recognizing the responsibility that has been entrusted to them are deliberating over the platform of declarations which the Democratic party must submit to the country in November. It is a difficult task to draw up planks to fit the occasion. There are several suggested planks of a highly controversial character which are bound to provoke friction in the committee and on the floor of the convention. The principal warfare on declarations of policy will be made before the committee on resolutions.

PICNIC—at Kinlaw Bros. Store. July 4th 1924. Everybody come. Everybody welcome. Bring your basket and have a good time.

Woman Presides Democratic Convention For First Time

Speech Seconding Nomination of McAdoo Takes Convention by Surprise and Brings Mingled Applause and Hoots—During Piece of Convention Strategy.

SMITH SUPPORTERS NOISY

By United Press.
New York, June 26.—Under the guiding hand of a woman for the first time in history, the Democratic national convention entered upon its third session today at 11 a. m. Chairman Walsh after calling the convention to order turned the gavel over to Miss May Kennedy of Bronx, elected first vice chairman of the convention. Miss Kennedy made short address.

Governor Sweet of Colorado seconded nomination of William McAdoo, whose nomination yesterday by Senator Phelan of California was the occasion for a demonstration lasting an hour. Seconding speeches were not expected and occasioned considerable surprise, bringing mingled applause and hoots. Kentucky started a parade and South Carolina and other McAdoo states fell in line. The galleries, jammed with Smith supporters, booed and tried to shut off the demonstration. Order was obtained after a few minutes and Sweet concluded his speech. This was considered a daring piece of convention strategy intended to steal Smith's stuff.

Connecticut was next called and yielded to New York. A terrific din split the Garden. Galleries and floor rose in a tremendous outburst of violent noise, a medley of rattles, whistles, horns and cheers. Franklin Roosevelt by a wave of the hand brought silence, but the moment he said the words "Governor of New York" there came a terrific outburst from every corner.

Anti-Klan Outburst
Mention of the Ku Klux Klan in the speech nominating Senator Underwood of Alabama yesterday set off an anti-Klan demonstration that swept the great hall like a tornado and led to several fist fights. Senator Jos. T. Robinson of Arkansas and McAdoo were the only other candidates for President nominated yesterday. Nominations are expected to be concluded tonight but no balloting is expected before Friday or Saturday.

Members of Wedding Party Pinched for Speeding.
Loaded down with baggage and splitting Elm street wide open at about 35 miles an hour, the Faulkner-Jones wedding party from Fairmont, including the bride and groom, rushing to catch the V. and C. S. train Tuesday evening, created a good deal of excitement and some of the party were pinched for speeding. The officers at first thought that they were run-runners, but on discovering the true situation led the bride and groom catch the train undisturbed and pulled two of the groomsmen. The recent change in the schedule on that train, which leaves an hour earlier, was not known by the party until a short while before their departure.

Men's Christian Workers' League Plans to Hold Services.
The Men's Christian Workers' League held an enthusiastic meeting Sunday afternoon at the school with a large number present. The meeting was conducted by Mr. T. L. Johnson, chairman, and most of the time was taken up with testimony by a large number of the members.

Run-Off Primary Saturday of Next Week.
Mr. Frank Gough, chairman of the county board of elections, has been officially notified by the State board of the primary to be held July 5th, of which he already had given notice. As stated in a notice published by Mr. Gough, the primary in Robeson will be to nominate recorders for the Lumberton and Fairmont districts and road supervisor for Fairmont township.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Redmond and little daughter, Coleen, of Greenville, S. C., arrived yesterday afternoon and will spend 2 weeks here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Archie Davis of Fairmont, R. I., is a Lumberton visitor today.

Officer Glover Shoots Tire Off of Fleeing Ford

But the Driver Stepped on Gas and Faded Out of Landscape With His Lead of Young Sports and May Be Some Juice.

LEFT QUART AND TIRE BEHIND

Some young sports thought to be from a neighboring town are minus a quart of whiskey and an automobile tire and are probably suffering from nervous prostration caused Tuesday night about one o'clock when Officer Ed Glover shot one of their tires off when the car, in which five young white men were riding, failed to stop when ordered.

Glover saw them hide some whiskey on the lot opposite C. M. Fuller's stable on Chestnut street and hid himself nearby to catch them when they came after the liquor. The car soon drove up, two of the men got out, and the others rode on down the street to turn around. The boys searched a while and left saying, "some blankety-blank-blank has stolen it". Having good evidence to arrest them, Glover ordered them to stop as they boarded the car. Upon hearing his voice the driver shot the gas to her and the officer plugged one of his tires when the car was only a few feet away, entailing no danger of hitting any of the occupants.

One boy almost fell out of the car and implored the driver in no uncertain terms to stop, but the driver held his nerve and Glover and Officer Boyle, who was with him, say that they never saw a Ford run so.

The boys escaped unknown but the officers got a tire and afterwards found the whiskey.

Heavy Damage by Rains To Crops and Highways

No Section of the County Has Escaped—Bridge Sunk Just After Buggy Passed Over.
Heavy damage by rains to crops and highways is reported from all sections of the county. One man from near Philadelphia reports that unusually heavy rains visited that section Sunday and Monday and that on Tuesday the "bottom dropped out". Even without any more rain this week plowing will be impossible in many sections.

The dam at Philadelphia began to show signs of giving way and the water was drawn off and flooded the highway, doing no great damage. The bridge at Bullard's crossing on Ashpole swamp on the Rowland-Dillon road is reported to have sunk under water just after a buggy passed over.

Dr. W. W. Parker Honored by State Board of Optometry.

Dr. W. W. Parker returned yesterday afternoon from Greenville, N. C., where he was on the educational program of the South-Eastern Congress of Optometry. Monday as assistant in routine examination on campmetry. The congress, which includes 13 states, will last through Friday. At the meeting of the State board of examiners in optometry at Gastonia Friday and Saturday of last week Dr. Parker was elected secretary-treasurer of the board, of which he has been a member for some years. This means that he not only will have charge of the finances of the board but will have charge of examinations in optometry, reports to the Governor, official correspondence, etc. Dr. Parker for a number of years has been one of the leading optometrists of the state.

Summer School Opens at Carolina.
The Robeson county summer school for teachers opened Tuesday with over fifty enrolled at Carolina college, Maxton. President Ernest J. Green of Carolina college is director of the school and assisting him are Misses Mary Brown of Wilson and Elizabeth Gorham of Fayetteville. Miss Susan Fulcum, of the State Department of Education, was on hand and Supt. J. R. Poole was also there.

Lost Tip of Shoulder from "Unloaded Gun"

Lying in a local hospital with the tip of her shoulder joint blown off is Mabel Oxendine, Indian, who was accidentally shot by her brother last Saturday. Details of the accident are lacking but it is understood that the same old mistake of "not thinking it was loaded" applies here. The woman is doing well. None of the shot penetrated beyond the shoulder bone.

BIG CELEBRATION AT MIDWAY JULY 4

Annual celebration July 4th to eclipse all others. Parkton brass band, base ball, tennis and barbecue. A day of fun for all.

Kiwanians Invited To Attend Co-op Barbecue at Fairmont

Manager James of Co-op Warehouse at Fairmont Extends Invitations to Big Occasion Next Month—Senator Smith and A. W. McLean Invited to Speak.

TIME TO ACT HAS COME

At the Kiwanis club luncheon at the Lorraine hotel Tuesday Mr. James, manager of the co-operative tobacco warehouse at Fairmont, invited members of the club to attend a barbecue that will be given at Fairmont some time during the first two weeks of July. It is hoped to have Senator Smith of South Carolina, who addressed a big co-op meeting at Chadbourn recently and who is interested in legislation for the benefit of co-operative marketing, to address the gathering. Mr. A. W. McLean, Democratic nominee for Governor, also will be invited. The invitation was accepted unanimously.

Mr. J. D. Kyle of Fairmont, who also was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday, says that Rowland and White Pond will co-operate with Fairmont for this barbecue and that it is hoped to make it a big occasion.

Supt. W. B. Crumpton, of the local schools, told the Kiwanians that at the luncheon meeting next Tuesday he will ask that a committee be appointed to take up at once the matter of the club helping to educate some high-school girl or boy, as suggested by T. L. Johnson at the meeting Tuesday of last week. He said that since that suggestion was made he had had two requests for information from high school students who want assistance in going to college.

Mr. Crumpton said that nothing could be of more benefit to the community than to give such opportunities to deserving boys and girls and that the time for the Kiwanis club to act has come, that unless it starts out on some definite work it will be "done for", enough time having been consumed in proposing various things that might be undertaken.

Entertainment features included humorous quartettes sung by W. W. Davis, chairman of the entertainment, J. H. Teague and Frank Gough, and committee for the day, C. B. Skipper, a solo by Mr. Skipper, Miss Elsie Thompson presiding at the piano.

Mr. K. M. Barnes, chairman of the public affairs committee, presided in the absence of President W. K. Bethune and Vice President A. E. White. Mr. Barnes had as his guest Mr. N. G. Woodlief, a member of the Kiwanis club of Selma.

Every Like Is Not The Same

Unfortunate Tally With Description of Bootlegger Driving Death Car Causes Young White Man to Spend Night in Jail Here.

Being unfortunate enough to fit the description of a bootlegger who ran over a man and killed him and afterwards wrecked his liquor-laden car and escaped near Winston-Jones white man named M. P. Watson and giving his home as Pine Level was arrested on suspicion by Policeman Cox at Fairmont Tuesday and spent the night in jail here.

A telegram from the sheriff of Forsyth county stating that they were close on the track of the right man effected his release.

Midget Auto Creates Sensation.

A small two passenger midget automobile with a real engine in it will be given away by the Pastime theatre. Each admission draws a coupon and at the end of a certain time a lucky number will be drawn from these coupons. The little car has created quite a sensation in juvenile circles and such crowds of curious pranking youngsters have been surrounding it that Mr. Griffin has found it necessary to remove it from in front of the theatre and put it inside for protection. Some of the local "bloods" have been insistent in their demands for a race to be run between this machine and John McMillan's "puzzle jumper".

REWARD

Two mules strayed or stolen from our farm near Proctorville Wednesday night June 25th. Both bay jennies mules about six years old, weighing about 1,000 pounds each. Were last seen near the Wishart farm Lumberton Route 3 (Fairmont road). One has scratches. Reward for information leading to the finding of these mules. K. M. Barnes, care of Planters Bank & Trust Co., Lumberton, N. C.

Murphy B. McCormick Found Dead This A. M.

Rowland Man Was Apparently in Best of Health Yesterday—Funeral Tomorrow.

By Phone to The Robesonian.
Rowland, June 26.—Apparently in the best of health yesterday, Murphy B. McCormick, aged 55, was found dead in his bed this morning. He died about 6 o'clock and his death is attributed to heart failure. The funeral will be held here some time tomorrow.

Lumberton Unit of National Guard Passes Federal Inspection

Drill Nights Every Monday and Thursday—Hard Row of Work Cut Out Before Annual Encampment.

Battery B, Lumberton unit of the National Guard, under the command of Captain F. Eli Wishart, passed Federal inspection last night conducted by Col. R. S. McLelland, Major C. T. Marsh, Federal inspector of coast artillery, and Sergeant Lytle, and was mustered into service with a great deal of enthusiasm among the 68 men. First Lieutenant Harold Humphrey arrived from Wake Forest Summer school and received his commission.

Capt. Wishart states that drill nights will be every Monday and Thursday and that the armory is on the third floor of the cotton mill office building. This company has a hard row of work cut out for it between now and the annual encampment at Fortress Monroe, Va., which will take place during the latter part of the summer.

Running into Mr. Earl Thompson's car, going north on Chestnut street, and considerably damaging the right running board and body, a Ford driven by Mr. Riley Baxley of Buie, coming out of Third street, just opposite Freeman and Bullard's garage yesterday afternoon was damaged and landed on the sidewalk. No one was hurt.

The Boy Scouts, organized here some time ago under the leadership of Rev. T. McM. Grant, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, spent yesterday afternoon at Page's lake. Messrs. Ed Rancke, F. P. Gray, Archie Ward and Joe Barrington went with the scouts. The troop has a membership of about fifty boys and the leaders are planning an encampment at Lake Waccamaw some time later in the summer.

Get Your Automobile License Number Now

With only three more work days before the old automobile licenses expire and with the records of licenses issued in easy access to the police force, it will pay people to hurry up and get their new numbers. Some two or three hundred numbers have been issued to date by Mr. Rosser, in charge of the local state automobile license bureau, in the rear of the city hall, and he advises people not to wait until the first of July to apply because there will be such a rush that it may cause considerable delay.

It is absolutely necessary to present a certificate of title or an application for title before a number can be issued. A certificate at home won't do any good—the paper itself must be presented. No personal checks will be accepted, by order of the Secretary of State.

The condition of Mrs. J. A. Thompson who suffered a slight stroke of paralysis at her home on North Elm Tuesday about noon, is reported as improving. Her son Dr. Raymond Thompson of Charlotte is here attending her. Other members of the family who are away have not been summoned.

The T. E. L. class of the First Baptist Sunday school went this afternoon to Page's lake on a picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Caldwell left yesterday for the mountains, where they probably will spend the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Caldwell and children, Simeon Jr. and Mary Elizabeth, will go Friday to Pulaski, Va., where they will visit Mrs. Caldwell's father, Dr. J. W. Keister.

Cotton Market

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 27 cents the pound.

Harrison Sounds Keynote At Democratic Convention

Says America Needs a Paul Revere and Not a Sphinx in the White House to Call It Back to Duty and High Resolve.

New York, June 24.—America needs a Paul Revere, "not a Sphinx", in the White House, to call it back to duty and high resolve, Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, declared today, sounding the keynote at the Democratic national convention.

In an address condemning the Republican administration—its policies, both domestic and foreign—the temporary chairman called on Democrats everywhere, "with victory within their grasp", to unite against a common enemy.

"Oh, for one in the White House", he said, "whose heart might be melted and courage aroused to sympathize and fight would that we once more might see in that exalted position, one with the courage of a Jackson, the militant honesty of a Cleveland, the matchless statesmanship and the fine fighting qualities of a Woodrow Wilson."

Senator Harrison ran the gamut of the Harding-Coolidge administration in a series of biting criticisms. A large part of his speech was taken up with a resume of the disclosures of senate investigating committees. The oil policies, in particular, came in for vigorous denunciation. "Show this administration an oil well", he said, "and it will show you a foreign policy".

Items of Local News

—The American Legion auxiliary will meet Tuesday night, July 1st, at 8 o'clock with Mrs. S. McIntyre. A good attendance is desired.

—Mr. Thomas McNaft, asp of Mr. Roary McNair, county commissioner from Maxton, has accepted a position in the county auditor's office and will begin work the last of this week.

—Mr. James Beckwith went Monday to Greenville, N. C., where he is representing the Episcopal church of this place in a young people's conference of the diocese of East Carolina. Mr. Beckwith is expected home today.

—From reports coming in it seems that Rev. George Stephens is still delivering the goods in St. Paul. Tuesday night he soundly rapped some of his critics in no uncertain terms, telling them that "a hit dog always hollers".

—Miss Nell Sutton, teacher in the Lumberton high school, who was operated on for appendicitis during the school commencement, was discharged from the Thompson hospital and went to her home in Danburg, Ga., Tuesday evening.

—The fixtures for Israel's shoe store, to be located in the building now occupied by the Star barber shop, have arrived and Mr. Israel states that work probably will be begun about the first of July. As yet it has not been learned where the barber shop will be moved.

—Rural Policeman Carper suffered fracture of the small bone in one of his arms Tuesday when he was hurled through the windshield of a car when the machine hit a deep hole near Rowland. Another man was driving and Mr. Carper had a man under arrest in the car.

—St. Alban's lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., installed the following officers Tuesday evening: Ben G. Floyd, W. M.; J. C. Bryant, S. W.; R. A. McIntyre, J. W.; E. J. Britt, P. M.; treasurer; Dr. E. T. Allen, secretary; C. C. Rogers, S. D.; E. M. Johnson, J. D.; J. P. Stephens, S. S.; J. B. McLeod, J. S.; C. B. Hocutt, Tyler.

—Mrs. Mollie R. Norment and son, Mr. Clinton Norment have returned from Washington, D. C., where Mrs. Norment spent the winter with her sister Mrs. Sallie R. McRae and where Mr. Norment went a week ago to attend the wedding of his sister Miss Mary Rozier Norment to Mr. Louis Stovall, which took place Wednesday of last week.

—Mr. W. K. Bethune returned yesterday and Mr. H. E. Stacy Tuesday night from Denver, Colorado, where they attended the eighth annual international Kiwanis convention. Mr. Bethune, who is president of the Lumberton club, sent The Robesonian interesting letters concerning the convention and the trip. Some of these letters have been published and others will be published.

—Mr. A. Weinstein, accompanied by his daughter Mildred and his son Robert will leave tonight for the North. Mr. Weinstein goes to New York to buy summer goods for his store and Miss Mildred goes to Camp Lenore in the Berkshire Hills, where she will spend the summer. Mr. Robert Weinstein will either go to Baltimore or Chicago to have a finger treated which was injured about a year ago in an automobile accident.