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### JUDGE CLARK NOMINATED BY OVERWHELMING VOTE

#### For Associate Justice Connor Defeats Brown by Five and One Third Votes.

### THE NOMINATION THEN MADE UNANIMOUS

#### Justice is Nominated But Declines to Run.

### KITCHIN'S SPEECH NOMINATING CLARK

#### Platt D. Walker, of Charlotte, Nominated For Associate Justice From the West on the Third Ballot Amid Great Excitement.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., July 16.—The delegates to the State Convention were early astir this morning and the game of politics, which had continued deep into the night was taken up with renewed vigor as the sun rose, for at that hour many of the delegates were out and ready for breakfast. The early morning train brought in more delegates, and before the Congressional district meetings were held the streets were thronged.

At nine o'clock the brass band was at work and this congested the crowd, but soon it melted away and the Congressional district meeting were held.

The first turn of the business end of getting the State Convention in shape began with the meetings of the delegates from the ten Congressional districts held at various halls in the city.

In each meeting there was a full attendance and a great deal of interest. Business was got at promptly, and the results of the meetings are as follows:

In the first district the meeting organized with C. F. Warren, of Washington, as chairman and B. G. Crisp, of Manteo, as secretary. The elections re-

sulted as follows: Members of the State Executive Committee, W. G. Lamb, of Martin; W. B. Rodman, of Beaufort; L. L. Smith, of Gates; G. W. Ward, of Pasquotank. Members of the Committee on Credentials, F. T. James, of Pitt; Platform and Resolutions, H. S. Ward, of Washington; Permanent Organization, T. G. Skinner, of Perquimans. For Vice-President of the convention, W. M. Bond, of Chowan.

In the second district the chairman was J. W. Grainger, of Lenoir, and the Secretary, F. R. Harris, of Northampton. The members of the State Executive Committee named were M. J. Hawkins, of Warren; E. L. Travis, of Halifax; W. H. Powell, of Edgecombe; L. V. Morrill, of Greene.

The members of the committees were: On Credentials, A. Rascoe, of Bertie; Platform and Resolutions, Claude Kitchin, of Halifax; Permanent Organization, J. W. Grainger, of Lenoir; for Vice-President of the Convention, George Howard, of Edgecombe.

In the third district the members of the State Executive Committee named were E. M. Koonce, of Onslow; J. A. Bryan, of Craven; S. O. Middleton, of Duplin; N. O. Berry, of Wayne. Members of Committees were named as follows: Platform, Rudolph Duffy, of Onslow; Permanent Organization, F. A. Daniels, of Wayne; Credentials, J. T. Foy, of Pender; for Vice-President of the Convention, M. DeW. Stevenson, of Craven.

In the fourth district: Platform and Resolutions, H. A. London, of Chatham; Permanent Organization, Armistead Jones, of Wake; Credentials, R. A. P. Cooley, of Nash; Members of the State Executive Committee named were, F. S. Spruill, of Franklin; E. C. Beddingsfield,

was truly eloquent and filled with gems of thought ornately presented and at times most humorous. His eulogy of Democracy and his forecast of a glad farewell to Pritchard and Republicanism were greeted with shouts of applause. Then speaking in reply, Chairman Simmons, whose remarks were given time and again applauded, spoke with vigor and earnestness. As he referred to the amendment and his desire to have the negro question out of politics, a voice in the gallery cried: "We won't have it." At once the speaker with flashing eyes, said: "No, we will not have it, unless our opponents refuse to accept the amendment in good faith," and the applause rolled out like a flood, and for a few moments Chairman Simmons was unable to continue.

(Chairman Simmons address is published in full on the third page.)

#### SCALES TAKES THE CHAIR.

At the close of his address Chairman Simmons named Hon. Alfred M. Scales, of Guilford, as temporary chairman. In taking the chair Mr. Scales fittingly returned his thanks and said the whole State, Democrats and Republicans alike, was watching with deep interest this convention, for in its hands was the destiny of the State. He made a most eloquent address, portraying the need of the interest of the best people in politics. He spoke of Republican misrule and the beneficent results of Democratic rule. He complimented Chairman Simmons upon his party work, and closed with an



JUDGE WALTER CLARK, Nominee of the Democratic Convention for Chief Justice.

eloquent peroration upon the peace and tranquility of the State with Democracy in control. Next the committees as named by the Congressional District meeting were reported to the convention, and after assigning the time of their meetings the convention at two o'clock adjourned until half past three o'clock.

### The Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session was called to order at half past three and the Committee on Credentials reported all counties save Mitchell represented, and no contest of any delegation. That Randolph was entitled to 17 instead of 12 votes, Moore 14 instead of 13, Wilkes 12 instead of 10.

The convention adopted the report on permanent organization as follows: For permanent Chairman, Hon. W. D. Turner; Secretary, F. B. Arendell; Assistant Secretaries, Geo. P. Pell and Walter Murphy. W. G. Lamb, of Martin; Heriot G. Clarkson, of Mecklenburg; and Charles M. Busbee, of Wake, a committee, escorted Mr. Turner to the chair and on assuming the duties of the chair, he said: "I thank you most cordially for this honor of presiding over this convention, you have met here for business. I now declare the convention ready for business and the rules of the last House of Representatives of North Carolina adopted. That nominations in order be: first, Chief Justice; second, Associate Justice from the East; third, Associate Justice from the West; fourth, Corporation Commissioner; fifth, Superintendent of Public Instruction."

### KITCHIN NOMINATES CLARK.

The chair then announced that nominations for Chief Justice were in order. Hon. Claude Kitchin, amid a storm of applause, ascended the rostrum and spoke as follows: "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention: Halifax county, on whose soil he was born, in whose midst he was reared, whose people have known him from childhood and have watched with bounding pride his career from manhood's moment until this triumphant hour, commissions me to propose for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina a nomination, full worthy, without apology or defence, of the unanimous endorsement of this magnificent presence of Democratic wisdom and manhood—Judge Walter Clark."

"His integrity, his wisdom, his ability, his courage, his scholarly attainments, his pride and love of State, his long and faithful service, his Christian character, eminent in all, unquestioned in all—these, sirs, are the offerings which his native county brings here and presents to the State.

"He is not an experiment. He has been tried. He has been weighed. Fresh from before the people, in the noonday's sun, full-statured, unshaken, unmarred, untried. He is not an ideal. He is living, tangible, inspiring reality! His record from the first flash of his boyish sword in the battle days of the sixties to this moment, is an open page. The people know it by heart. His name is upon their lips. His life is in their memory. His vindication is in their hearts, and his triumph is in their hopes and in their prayers.

### PASSING OF SMITH LANHAM IS CHOSEN

#### Reprimanded and Retired by the President. Texas Democrats' Reaffirm Kansas City Platform.

### Secretary Root Laboriously Explains That Few Were Killed Under Smith's Kill and Burn Order.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, July 16.—Secretary Root brought from Oyster Bay the case of General Jacob H. Smith, tried by court martial at Manila on account of orders issued to Major Waller, General Smith was found guilty of the charges by the court and sentenced to be dismissed by the reviewing authority. The President has so admonished General Smith and retired him under the law which provides that officers having reached the age of 62 years may be retired at will by the President. Secretary Root supplemented the reprimand of the President in a long circular, which shows that although Smith issued the "kill and burn" order, very few persons were killed as a result of that order, the cruelties being confined almost wholly to the eleven natives killed under Major Waller's direction.

Following is the text of the President's review of the case: "White House, Washington, July 14th, 1902.

"By the President: "The findings and sentence of the court are approved. I am well aware of the danger and great difficulty of the task our army has had in the Philippine Islands and of the well nigh intolerable provocations it has received from the cruelty, treachery and total disregard of the rules and customs of civilized warfare on the part of its foes. I also heartily approve the employment of the sternest measures necessary to put a stop to such atrocities and to bring this war to a close. It would be culpable to show weakness in dealing with such foes as to fail to use all legitimate and honorable methods to overcome them. But the very fact that warfare is of such character as to afford infinite provocation for the commission of acts of cruelty by junior officers and the enlisted men, must make the officers in high and responsible position peculiarly careful in their bearing and conduct so as to keep a moral check over their subordinates. Almost universally the higher officers have so borne themselves as to supply this necessary check; and with but few exceptions the officers and soldiers of the army have shown wonderful kindness and forbearance in dealing with their foes. But there have been exceptions; there have been instances of the use of torture and of improper harshness in warfare on the part of the individuals or small detachments. In the recent campaign ordered by General Smith, the shooting of the native bearers by the orders of Major Waller was an act which sullied the American name and can be but partly excused because of Major Waller's mental condition at the time; his mental condition being due to the fearful hardship and suffering which he had undergone in his campaign. It is impossible to tell exactly how much influence language like that used by General Smith may have had in preparing the minds of those under him for the commission of the deeds which we regret. Loose and violent talk by an officer of high rank is always likely to excite to wrong doing those among his subordinates whose wills are weak or whose passions are strong.

"General Smith has behind him a long career, distinguished for gallantry and on the whole for good conduct. Taken in the full, his work has been such as to reflect credit upon the American army and therefore upon the nation; and it is deeply to be regretted that he should have so acted in this instance as to interfere with his further usefulness in the army. I hereby direct that he be retired from the active list.

(Signed) "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

### Tarbor Takes a Slow Game.

(Special to News and Observer.) Tarboro, N. C., July 16.—The locals won today in a slow featureless game, having the game well in hand. The visitors were outclassed from the start. Patch pitched good ball. Score: R H E Kinston... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—4 4 2 Tarboro... 1 0 2 0 2 1 1 8—9 12 5 Batteries: McDonald and Hicks; Patch and Higgins.

### National League.

At Chicago— R H E Chicago... 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—1 4 4 Brooklyn... 0 1 0 1 2 2 1 0—7 15 3

At Pittsburgh— R H E Pittsburgh... 0 1 1 0 6 3 2 2 x—9 15 0 St. Louis... 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0—6 18 2

At Philadelphia— R H E Chicago... 3 2 0 1 6 2 0 0—9 11 2 Philadelphia... 0 1 2 1 0 0 0 0—4 8 0

At Baltimore— R H E Baltimore... 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 3—5 8 0 St. Louis... 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 2 1 0—6 18 2

At Washington— R H E Washington... 0 2 1 1 2 0 1 0—8 14 4 Detroit... 0 0 2 0 0 2 0 4 5—13 17 1

### Towns Wiped Out by Tornadoes.

(By the Associated Press.) St. Paul, July 16.—A. m.—The towns of Borup, Eldorado and Thompson are reported completely wiped out by a tornado. Great loss of life is feared.

### THE OIL FIELD AFLAME.

#### A Desperate Battle With Flames Started by Lightning.

(By the Associated Press.) Jennings, La., July 15.—During the heavy electrical storm that passed over the Jennings oil field about noon, a bolt of lightning struck the field storage tanks of the Jennings Oil Company, setting them on fire. The tanks were entirely consumed. The flames then spread to the derricks of the company, and in a short time they were also destroyed. By the time the derricks had fallen the flames had eaten away a portion of one of the field tanks, allowing the oil to escape, which flowed in burning streams in the direction of the Coule. The workmen at the field immediately stopped operations and set about throwing up levees to prevent as far as possible the spreading of the fire to the adjoining derricks.

The safety of the field now depends upon the strength of the Jennings No. 2. The oil is leaking around it, and together with gas is burning fiercely, shooting a blaze about ten feet into the air. A telephone message from the field late this evening, says that it is impossible to stop the flames and that the gate valve survived but a short while longer. If this gives way before all possible precautions are taken the entire field will be destroyed. The workmen are now engaged in removing the derricks of the remaining companies and burying the mouths of the wells under a heavy coating of mud and water.

### THE TEXAS DEMOCRACY.

#### Will Reaffirm Kansas City Platform and Nominate Lanham For Governor.

(By the Associated Press.) Galveston, Texas, July 15.—The Democratic State Convention met here today and organized with George Pendleton, of Bell county, as temporary chairman. The usual committees were appointed and adjourned until tomorrow.

Congressman Ball is chairman of the Sub-Committee on Resolutions, which is at work on the platform. Assistant Attorney General R. A. John is chairman of the full platform committee. One of the features of the session was an ovation to Judge John B. Reagan, who voluntarily retired from the position of railroad commissioner. The convention passed a resolution eulogizing him as a patriot, for half a century conspicuous as one of the boldest, wisest and most faithful champions of Democracy. He is the only survivor of either of the Civil War cabinets.

The convention adjourned until morning without effecting permanent organization. It is understood the platform will reaffirm the Kansas City platform without specifying any particular planks. Congressman Samuel W. T. Lanham will be nominated for Governor by acclamation.

### KILLED BY FLYING ROCK.

#### Explosion of a Blast Followed by Death of a Passing Man.

(Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., July 15.—Anderson Watkins, a colored employee of Rev. L. W. Crawford, was killed by a flying rock while the city force was blasting in the Odell quarry, near Cedar street, at 6 o'clock. He was riding on a load of straw and was 250 yards from blast when a rock weighing two pounds struck him on the leg, breaking a blood vessel. Two physicians were summoned, but the man died in twenty minutes. He was an excellent man of family.

### Chinese Cruiser Explodes.

(By the Associated Press.) Victoria, B. C., July 15.—News was received by the steamer Empress of India today of the destruction of the Chinese cruiser Hai-Choo, at Nanking, by an explosion. Of the crew of 200 to 250 but two escaped. The cruiser went up like a flash. Three small boats lying alongside were destroyed with their occupants.

### H. & B. BEER'S MARKET LETTER.

(Special to News and Observer.) New Orleans, La., July 15.—Liverpool advices were encouraging, consequently our market opened 1 to 2 points higher, advanced 5 to 7 points subsequently on near months, and 3 points on late, but shortly after noon easier and declined about 4 from the top on favorable crop accounts. The absence of sellers and fresh buying near the close again caused steadiness, making the net gain 3 to 5 points on the day. Rains were more or less general throughout the cotton region during the past twenty-four hours except in the Little Rock, Memphis, Vicksburg and Oklahoma districts. Showers ranging from 1/2 to 2 inches occurred in Texas, Louisiana, and Georgia, and showers are predicted practically for the entire belt tonight and Thursday. The crop outlook has shown a marked improvement during the past three weeks, and it is therefore expected that the next monthly bureau report ought to corroborate these favorable conditions. Six new bales of cotton have already been picked in Texas as compared to only three last year reported. In the early part of August this would indicate an earlier crop from that State, and the chances are for a white race and the \$8,515.56 to the negro race, \$235.85 came from townships where the money had been left over the year before by ten township trustees, it having not been apportioned to the districts in the township.

### RICHMOND'S CARS STOPPED BY STRIKE

#### A Great Street Railway Walk Out is On.

#### IT'S QUESTION OF WAGES

#### Several Conferences Are Held But Without Results.

#### THE COMPANY OFFERS TO ARBITRATE

#### Finally the Employes Agree to Take the Cars Out Today the Arbitrator to Agree by Six O'clock in the Afternoon.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., July 16.—Richmond's first big street railway strike is on. Practically no cars are running and, of course, transfer men and owners of all sorts and conditions of vehicles are preparing to lay the corner-stone of their individual fortunes by running Jehu trolleys, using at ten cents fare all their wagons, carriages, buggies and busses.

A committee, representing the local Street Car Men's Union after two conferences this evening with President Sittlering, of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, which now owns the whole Richmond system, at which they were unable to get together on wages question, shortly before 12 o'clock passed out the order to the men on the cars to take the cars to the barns at noon and quit work. By one o'clock there was hardly a street car running in Richmond. The strike affects the entire lines of the Passenger and Power Company in Richmond and Manchester, including all branch lines to West Hanover, Lakeside, Forest Hill, Fairmount and Seven Pines.

The cars of the Richmond and Petersburg Electric line, which are under a separate management, are the only cars running in the neighborhood of Richmond. All suburban resorts are shut off from the city travel, and suburbanites are casting about for new methods of getting to and from their homes.

Thus far no disorder has been reported. The men took the cars to the barns without any irregularity or improper behavior. The union held two conferences with President Sittlering this morning. As instructed by the Union, the committee presented the union proposition of twenty cents an hour for a nine hour day. At the second conference this was modified on the part of the union to 20 cents for motormen and 19 cents for conductors.

At the first conference President Sittlering met the men with the original company proposition—17 cents for main line motormen; 15 cents for branch line motormen; 10 cents for main line conductors, and 14 cents for branch line conductors.

President Sittlering offered to submit the matter to arbitration. This proposition was not acceptable to the committee, which reported back to President Simmons of the union, and after a conference with Mr. Simmons they returned to Mr. Sittlering's office and advanced the 20 and 19 cents proposition as a compromise offer.

Mr. Sittlering made a compromise proposition of 18 and 16 cents to motormen and 16 and 15 cents to conductors, a raise of a cent over the previous proposition of the company.

This was not acceptable to the members of the committee, who, on retiring from Mr. Sittlering's office at once stated that nothing remained but to call the men off the cars.

This afternoon a car load of non-union motormen and conductors was brought in from Petersburg. The arrival of the men evoked no particular demonstration.

The Chamber of Commerce held a special meeting this afternoon to consider the situation.

Tonight the men held a meeting, and it was agreed to take the cars out at six o'clock tomorrow morning, and leave the differences to arbitration, the arbitrators to agree by six o'clock tomorrow afternoon, otherwise the strike will be declared on again. The men will appoint two arbitrators, the company two, and these will select a fifth.

### Cyclone at Chalou-Sur-Eaone.

(By the Associated Press.) Chalou-Sur-Eaone, France, July 15.—A violent cyclone visited this city this evening, doing immense damage. Several vessels on the river were sunk, the Alcazar was destroyed and the streets and shops were flooded.

### Marconi's Wireless Experiments.

(By the Associated Press.) London, July 15.—Marconi, who is on board the Italian flag ship Carlo Alberto at Cronstadt, Russia, has cabled to his London office that he has received wireless signals from the Cornwall station, about 1,400 miles distant, partly overland. Complete messages were received as far as Skagen, Denmark, about 850 miles from Cornwall.