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THE BOSS SPEAKS AND THE CONVENTION ACTS

Pritchard Outlines in His Speech the Republican Policies.

JUDGE HILL IS ENDORSED

Platform a Denunciation of Everything Democratic and a Laudation of Republicanism.

GRAND STAND PLAY AGAINST THE NEGRO

The Platform Declares that the Adoption of the Constitutional Amendment Has Taken the Matter Out of Politics and is Then Silent.

LEAD CONVENTION STORY

(Special to News and Observer.)
Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 28.—The Republican State Convention assembled promptly at 12 o'clock today and was called to order by Senator Pritchard. R. M. Douglass, Jr., welcomed the convention to the city of Greensboro, and the response was made by Zeb Vance Walsler, of Lexington.

Senator Pritchard then arose and proceeded to address the convention. In a speech of an hour and a half's duration he spoke with his usual vigor and was frequently applauded.

PRITCHARD'S SPEECH

Senator Pritchard began with a review of National political conditions in the manner of a Republican handbook, commencing with the administration of Harrison. He contrasted the prosperity of it in the closing days of Cleveland's second administration, but failed to note that the prosperity was world wide and not the result of Republican policies, but of natural conditions, as was also the lack of it.

Mr. Pritchard then sketched the campaign of 1896, declaring that the Democratic platform promulgated at Chicago was "an attack upon everybody and everything in general and contained many things calculated to appeal to prejudice rather than to reason." He discussed the currency question and used all the stock arguments to show that the conditions which followed the inauguration of McKinley were due to Republican policies and to Republican policies alone.

Proceeding with his argument the Senator took up conditions in the States, claiming that the tariff industrial development herein is due in great part to the policies of the National Administration, overlooking the fact that North Carolina under the present State Democratic government is more prosperous than at any time in her history.

Regret was expressed at the death of President McKinley, and satisfaction in the present chief executive of the nation.

The "false issue" of imperialism was touched upon, and the "abusive attacks upon the American soldiers" sent to the Philippines "for the purpose of upholding the honor and integrity of the nation, and enforcing obedience to the mandates of our government."

In regard to the position of the party with respect to the Philippine Islands, the speaker said: "We propose to retain them and to give to their inhabitants the very best form of government suitable to their necessities as a people." The old claim was made that the acquisition of this territory would in the end result in more substantial benefit to the South than all other section of the country combined.

A good deal of time was taken up in discussing the tariff question. The position of the Democratic leaders on the present status of the negro question was attacked, and they were accused of not keeping faith with the people on the color line, it being claimed that the adoption of the amendment would eliminate the issue of the negro.

The portion of the Revenue Act taxing the corporations came in for a goodly share of the Senator's berating. The taxes on merchants were called "very objectionable." The "iniquitous features of the reports" for taxation were characterized as "odious in the extreme."

The Senator touched very lightly on the method of assessing real estate, and said that if it was honestly enforced, "it will result in the citizens of the State having to pay at least one-third more tax than they are paying at present."

Many figures were given and several comparisons were made to show that the Democrats had expended more of the State's money than the Republicans. Capital was made of the fact that the State was compelled to borrow \$200,000 in March for one year. The money spent in the impeachment trial and the increase in the Governor's salary came in for special mention, and also the payment of expenses incurred by the election registrars who were indicted.

The amendments came in for a parting slap, the Senator claiming that it would

be impossible for the State to educate all the illiterate whites.

Senator Pritchard concluded with strictness upon the Democratic party for nominating Judge Walter Clark for Chief Justice.

Looking down on the convention there were four negroes to be seen down stairs and a few old Uncle Remuses in the gallery. The four were the regularly appointed delegates from Warren county, headed by Plummer Cheatham, but they were later lifted out bodily in favor of a white delegation by the Committee on Credentials. The few old colored war horses in the gallery had far away expressions in their eyes, but their countenances beamed with delight when Pritchard began berating the Democrats.

After the appointment of a Committee on Credentials the convention adjourned until five o'clock and a caucus was called for three o'clock.

The statement in yesterday's convention report that Mr. F. H. Whitaker was here representing Halifax was an error. Mr. Whitaker stated today that he was here on business and had not been about the convention. He declared himself a David B. Hill Democrat.

THE NEGROES TURNED OUT.

At a few minutes after five o'clock the convention reassembled and heard the report of the Committee on Credentials. The committee had just emerged from a stormy session of three hours' length. Cheatham, O'Hara and the other negro delegates from Warren, Craven, Halifax, Vance and several other counties had presented their credentials as a caucus for recognition, but they were turned out to a man, mostly by hatched up contesting delegations of old moss-back whites like Joe Wood, of Halifax, and Bob Hancock, of Craven.

The committees reported seated both delegates from Rockingham because there was no negro in either and seated the white contestants in every other contested county.

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THE NIGHT SESSION.

When the convention assembled after supper Seawell, of Moore, offered a resolution endorsing Senator Pritchard and the records of Congressmen Moody and Blackburn, which was unanimously adopted. Assistant District Attorney Price then offered resolutions, agreed on in caucus, endorsing T. N. Hill for Chief Justice and leaving blank nominations for Associate Justices, which were adopted without opposition.

D. A. Long, of Alamance, was nominated for Superintendent of Public Instruction, by R. N. Douglass, who, in answer to enquiry, vouched for his Republicanism, and he went through all right. Assistant District Attorney Oscar Spears, of Harnett, made an extensive W. P. Bynum named D. H. Abbott for Railroad Commissioner, who was nominated by a rising vote.

E. W. Timberlake, of Franklin, Fourth district, W. S. O'B. Robinson, of Wayne, Sixth district; H. F. Seawell, of Moore, Eighth district; H. L. Coble, of Iredell, Tenth district; H. R. Starbuck, of Forsyth, Eleventh district; R. H. McNeill, of Ashe, Thirteenth district; C. D. Mashburn, of Madison, Fourteenth district; Baylus Cade, of Haywood, Sixteenth district, were nominated without opposition for Judges of Superior Court.

Z. V. Walsler then reported resolutions of Committee on Platform, which were adopted without opposition.

Ex-Judge W. P. Bynum of the Committee on Plan of Organization, submitted amendments to party rules, tending to increase representation in District, State and County Nominating Conventions, so as to bring them closer to the people and changing section six so as to leave no doubt about its construction, and against that put upon it at Rural Hall Judicial Convention. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON PLATFORM.

The Committee on Platform had easy sailing except when the constitutional suffrage amendment came up, the platform had been written and agreed upon and in Senator Pritchard's room long before the committee was appointed, and it had in it that miserable subterfuge on the suffrage amendment, which was finally adopted, but Senator Pritchard had to appear before the committee personally and make a personal appeal in order to prevent the committee from reporting a section declaring that the party accepted in good faith the constitutional amendment and pledging not to interfere or encourage any interference with its provisions.

The resolution was written and offered by Prof. J. J. Britt, of Mitchell county, and was in plain and unequivocal language. The committee was unanimous in its support of the Britt resolution, and concluded that as nothing had been done without the sanction of Pritchard that it would send for him before finally recommending the resolution. The Senator appeared, and after an hour of earnest appeal persuaded the committee to omit the resolution and report the original subterfuge. At the suggestion of Col. Harry Skinner, a section condemning the legislature for increasing the governor's salary, was stricken out. The remainder

of the cut and dried platform went through with a whoop.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The Republicans of North Carolina, in convention assembled at Greensboro on the 28th day of August, 1902, adopt the following as a declaration of principles upon which they ask the support of the people of the State:

We deplore and deeply mourn the death of President McKinley. His Christian character, noble impulses and patriotic spirit have done more to strengthen Republican institutions than any other agency which has been employed in modern times; and his life and work will prove a tower of strength to the Christian religion and to official integrity and fidelity for all time to come.

While we deeply mourn the loss of our beloved President, at the same time we appreciate the fact that in President Roosevelt we have a President whose honesty of purpose and patriotism are such as to assure us that the affairs of the American people are in safekeeping, and his faith in the principles of Republicanism is such as to guarantee a faithful adherence to those things that have made for this republic the splendid reputation which it now has as a world power.

We endorse the national platform of the Republican party adopted at Philadelphia, and point with pride to the unexampled prosperity which a Republican administration has brought to the country at large.

Intelligence being the corner stone of the State, and the education of the masses being dependent solely upon our public schools, we favor the support by public taxation of at least a four months school in every school district in the State, and we condemn the Democratic party for its failure to provide proper educational facilities for the education of the poor children of the State during its lease of power from 1870 to 1895.

We favor generous public aid to all charitable institutions of the State, and the enactment of such pension laws as will give the ex-Confederate soldiers a more generous and equitable distribution of this fund than is provided for by the present pension laws.

We favor such State legislation as will encourage the investment of capital, both foreign and domestic, and we respectfully invite capitalists from outside to come among us and assist in the development of our wonderful resources.

We invite the attention of the people of the State to the clean, able and economic administration of our State government by the Republican and Populist parties from 1897 to 1901, and challenge a comparison of it with the present reckless management of our affairs by the Democratic party.

We arraign the leaders of the Democratic party as false to every pledge made in the last campaign.

They promised to reduce expenditures, and instead of doing so they have increased expenditures in almost every department of our State Government.

They promised to curtail rather than increase the number of offices, and instead of doing so they have increased the number of judges and solicitors from twelve to sixteen, and have made other increases by providing for the employment of clerical help that has not heretofore been deemed necessary under similar circumstances.

They promised to reduce salaries, but instead of doing so they have increased the governor's salary during his term of office, in violation of the constitution, and have provided many ways by which the people are today taxed far in excess of any rate they have heretofore had to pay.

They promised to reduce taxation, and instead of doing so they have legislated so that our receipts increased within three years in the sum of \$800,419.97.

They promised to reduce expenditures, and instead of doing so, in three years they have increased expenditures in the sum of \$1,088,545.

They promised, by affidavit and otherwise, that no white man would be disfranchised under the amendment to our Constitution, but instead of observing their pledge with respect to this matter, the Democratic State chairman is now forced to admit that 18,000 white men will be denied the right to vote at the approaching election.

We condemn them for their unwarranted effort to impeach two of our Supreme Court Justices for purely partisan purposes, for following precedents established by the Supreme Court of this State in a long line of decisions covering a period of more than sixty years.

We further condemn them for the enactment of legislation appropriating the money of the people for the purpose of defraying the expenses of persons indicted for the violation of laws which they had sworn to obey, and for granting amnesty to such persons from prosecution in the State courts.

We declare that when the Constitutional amendment was adopted by the people of North Carolina two years ago, it passed out of the realm of politics, and that if Governor Aycock, Senator Simmons and the others keep faith with the people in the pledges then made, there can be no such thing as a race issue in the present campaign.

THE PIE EATING BRIGADE.

No Federal Office Holder Able to Pay His Way to Greensboro Absent.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 28.—The Republican convention at Greensboro was the biggest of all the semi-annual gatherings of the Federal pie brigade. They were here in the throngs. They were headed, of course, by United States Senator, Jeter C. Pritchard, the great distributor of Federal pie. They were augmented by not exceeding a baker's dozen of former Democrats who have for one rea-

son or another dropped off the Democratic band wagon.

The negro was not in it in person, but he was here all the same. Cuffy knows his business and he knows that he can afford to risk his white allies. He knows full well that an anti-Democratic victory in North Carolina means his restoration to the privilege of voting and office holding. He knows, too, because his allies have told him, that the best thing he can do at this stage of the proceeding is to saw wood and keep quiet. So he has consented to stay at home and let the old moss backs come and fix matters, if they can, in such a way as to fool the people and bring back the days of '95 and '97. For these reasons the coon, except in a very few instances, was conspicuous by his absence.

But he was in the fight from start to finish and he came out winner. There were a few new recruits and others who favored a positive declaration by the convention that would put the brother in black out of the contest entirely, but it was no go. Cuffy had too many friends among the old moss backs. He had stood with them for so these many years and they know that whether he was at the convention or whether he was not he was aiming for an opportunity to vote the Republican ticket. So these old moss backs, these old leaders of fusion in '95 and '97, these postmasters, revenue doodles and bung smellers, headed by Pritchard himself, stood up and again between negro elimination and negro rule by their refusal to accept the suffrage amendment as a part of their organic law made the negro a factor once more in the politics of the State.

Many Republicans and hosts of Democrats who were earnestly and conscientiously hoping that the convention would do otherwise; that it would declare itself in emphatic terms in favor of our political battle between white men and white men alone, and I have heard many say since the action of the convention that the party is in a strait jacket. I don't believe there is a Federal office holder in the State whose salary is sufficient to pay railroad fare and hotel bill that is not here.

Among those who are most in evidence are Duncan and Dockery and Henry Skinner, the eastern pie-eating triumvirate, the young Harkins, Holton and Millikan, the western big three, and they have with them hundreds of their subordinates, store-keepers, deputy marshals, revenue doodles and bung smellers from every snooty corner. Then there are Lusk and Hyams, the two Prices from Salisbury, Ramsey, Patterson, Mullin, Bailey, Gless, Reynolds, Rollins, Pearson, and a hundred other postmasters, and these are backed up by Sharkey, Hare, Warren, Hall, A. H. Mashburn, McNeill, Hamrick, the Longs of Rockingham, Geo. Pritchard, Corales, of Statesville; Moody, Blackburn, Alexander and Morris, and the old Sage of Davie, W. J. Ellis, with a half a dozen Baileys from the moonshine distillery district, and the east side of the party.

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THE PRESIDENT TO GRAND ARMY MEN

Thirty Thousand People Welcome Roosevelt.

HE EULOGIZES VETERANS

They Teach Us a Great Lesson of Brotherhood.

AMERICAN ARMY IN THE PHILIPPINES

The President Declares that it Has Brought the Peaceful Light of Civilization into One of the World's Dark Places.

(By the Associated Press.)
The Weirs, N. H., Aug. 28.—Fully 30,000 people joined in welcoming the President of the United States on his visit to the encampment of the New Hampshire G. A. R. here today. The Manchester batteries signalled the arrival of the train by the first gun of a Presidential salute. An escort made up of two companies of the National Guard, together with a large number of Civil War veterans were drawn up at the station. The column escorted the President to the Hotel Weirs, from the steps of which the President held a review. After luncheon the President was escorted to the camp ground, where the speaking took place. President Roosevelt was introduced to the veterans and when he could make himself heard he began his address, speaking as follows:

"Any American who has a proper sense of the relative proportion of things must realize that to the men who fought for the Union in the dark days of the Civil War there is owing a greater debt of gratitude than to any others. Great were the deeds you did and vital the need of doing them. We have encountered many crises of importance and from time to time have been brought face to face with great problems, upon the rightful solution of which most of the nation's future welfare depended. But to you alone it was given to face with victorious valor the one crisis in which not merely the nation's well being but the nation's life was at stake. To you it was given to make permanent the work of Washington, of Marshall and their compeers. It would have profligate little to us or to mankind at large if the experiment of free government by the people and for the people had been founded upon this continent only to go down in bloody wreck on the question of slavery. You saved the Union and you freed the slave and you made the slaves master from the worst of all tyrannies. You did the service of struggling in a cause and for a reward in that war based upon naught that was merely material. We pride ourselves and properly so, upon our great industrial capacity, our great industrial skill. We need such success and such capacity to make broad and stable the foundations of our national well being. Yet there are things higher than any possible material triumph.

"We are now in a time of abundance, peace and not in time of war. But we to us if in peace we do not have ideals as lofty as yours, and if we do not live up to them as you lived up to yours in the dark days of defeat and in the golden glory of the hour of triumph. Our age and loyalty, the stern determination to enact justice, the high purpose to struggle for the right, all the common sense to struggle for it in practical fashion—all these qualities we must show now in our civil and social and business life as you showed them.

"Among the greatest benefits of what you did was the fact that you have also left us the right of hearty and loyal comradeship with your gallant opponents who, in fighting for what they conscientiously deemed to be right, fought against the stars in their courses.

"We are all loyal Americans now—North, South, East and West—all alike jealous of the nation's honor and welfare, proud of the nation's past and resolute that her future shall stand even higher than her past.

"We need to learn aright and to apply the great lesson of brotherhood which you taught and practiced in the four grim years that began with Sumter and ended with Appomattox. In the old simple America of our forefathers—the America which still for our good fortune exists in country districts—there is comparative freedom from certain dangers to which the country as a whole is now necessarily exposed. The growth of great cities and of individual and corporate fortunes—the tendency in great cities to divide men