

DEMOCRATIC DUTY TO RATIFY SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT, DECLARES EDITOR HARRIS

PLATFORM MAKES DUTY MANDATORY

Obligation Plainly Imposed By Party Declaration At the State Convention

POLITICAL PREJUDICE ONLY ARGUMENT OPEN

Tennessee's Hesitation No Reason Why North Carolina Shouldn't Crown Hopes of Women With Success; Legislature Must Keep Faith of The Democratic Party.

Col. Wade Harris, the veteran North Carolina editor, who was a delegate-at-large from North Carolina to the Democratic convention at San Francisco, in an editorial in his paper, the Charlotte Observer, yesterday declares it is a democratic duty to ratify the federal suffrage amendment. The editorial in Sunday's Observer follows:

"The Democratic party of North Carolina owes a triple duty which should become a discharged obligation during the special session of the Legislature that is to be convened Tuesday. The duty is to itself, to the party, and to the women of the State, and its discharge—ratification of the amendment by which the women would be enabled to participate with the balance of the citizenship of the State in the ballot. The obligation is plainly imposed by the party platform adopted by the State Convention and which is to the effect that 'this convention recommends to the Democratic members of the General Assembly of North Carolina that at the approaching session thereof, they vote in favor of the ratification of the proposed 19th amendment to the Federal Constitution.' If the platform is not the laws of a party, then what does a platform stand for? And if the Democracy of the State is bound by this declaration in favor of granting the franchise of the women 'at the approaching session,' is not the obligation doubly strengthened by the suffrage plank in the national platform? The President of the Nation has long been an earnest advocate of the ballot for women; he aroused the wrath of the Republican section and a portion of the Democratic section when he appeared in person before the Senate and made appeal for adoption of the amendment. The present leader of the national Democracy is lifting up his voice against further delay in granting the women this right which is so generally conceded to be theirs; the Governor of the State has made recommendation in favor of ratification, and one of the United States Senators from North Carolina who was a hold-over for years, has given sanction to the inevitable. No argument at this day can be advanced against ratification save from the standpoint of political prejudice. Because of the influences operating against Tennessee going on record as the ratification State, is no reason why North Carolina should not accept, and willingly, the honor at which Tennessee appears to be halting. On the contrary, refusal by that State should operate to encouragement to North Carolina to establish recognition of the right of the women to the ballot and to crown their hopes with success.

"The Observer would remind the people that while the men have manifested a disposition to sacrifice the sacred memories of the war and the accomplishments of the American soldiers to political expediency, the women of the land have not forgotten the heart-breakers of those terrible days when our boys were dying on the battlefields; they have not forgotten the sacrifices made by the mothers of the land, nor have they forgotten the magnificent record made by the Wilson Administration in the organization of a victorious Army, its expeditious equipment and despatch to the fields of war, and true in heart and memory of those great things, they stand true today to the one great instrumentality which is to safeguard their hearthstones from similar ravage in the years that are to come—the women of the Nation are as one in favor of the League of Nations. The women of North Carolina may be depended upon to vote intelligently and patriotically. They have won that privilege. The party would earnestly principle if it should fall in its political life, and the obligation to grant it to them is the first opportunity which will be during the deliberations of the special session.

"The strongest argument which can at this time be advanced is furnished by the women themselves. They want to vote that fact is not to be developed from all parts of the State. The Observer would have the polls opened to them not only as a matter of justice, but because of the benevolent direction in which the women vote will be cast as a whole. The women, for one thing, will vote in promotion of the educational interests of North Carolina on a scale commensurate with the needs of the State. Taking a hand in the ballot they will necessarily become more immediately concerned with laws and regulations for the betterment of the community life, urban and rural. The influence of women at the ballot box in North Carolina will be beneficial. But all these arguments aside, it would seem that the party is bound by faith to vote in ratification of the amendment. To argue otherwise would be to argue that a platform stands for nothing. In times past the Legislature has not exactly kept faith with certain portions of the State in the matter of assistance in building railroads. Let the present Legislature have a care that it keeps the faith of the party in the matter of the suffrage amendment.

QUESTIONS ON TAX MATTER ANSWERED



President Stone Asks State Tax Commission For Information

AGAINST CONSTRUCTION OF CHARLESTON DRYDOCK

Senator Calder Writes Sec. Daniels, Saying Project Only Waste of Money

New York, Aug. 8.—A protest against going ahead with construction of a new drydock at Charleston, S. C., navy yard is voiced in a letter from United States Senator William M. Calder to Secretary of the Navy Daniels, made public here today.

DR. OSCAR HAYWOOD TALKS ON SUFFRAGE

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Dr. Oscar Haywood, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, yesterday addressed the General Assembly of the Democratic party of North Carolina at the State Convention in Raleigh. He spoke in favor of the ratification of the 19th amendment to the Federal Constitution, which would grant the right of suffrage to women. Dr. Haywood declared that the ratification of the amendment was a moral duty and that the Democratic party should stand firmly behind it. He criticized the opposition to the amendment as being based on political expediency and prejudice. He urged the women of North Carolina to exercise their franchise intelligently and patriotically. The audience was large and the speaker was enthusiastically received.

STATE LABOR FEDERATION WILL ENDORSE SUFFRAGE

Two Hundred Delegates Will Attend Annual State Convention in Charlotte

Charlotte, Aug. 8.—Two hundred delegates to the annual convention of the State Federation of Labor, which opens tomorrow, have arrived and evening and early morning trains will bring many more. H. C. Caldwell, local editor of Labor Herald, said today that this is to be the largest convention ever held by labor in the Carolina. He made a statement that the convention will go on record as favoring woman suffrage, also that the convention will endorse the plan of non-partisanship as to political parties, the Federation casting its vote for the party which advocates laws which will most benefit labor. Since the last convention the membership has increased 100 per cent. The session will be held in the new high school building. Major W. F. Mordy, of Raleigh, president of the Federation, arrived tonight.

Allies Convinced Bolsheviki Plan To Capture Warsaw and Set Up Soviet Rule in Poland

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At the conference assuming a very warlike aspect. Foch Again Called in Marshal Foch and Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson took a prominent part in the morning discussion, and it has been learned from an official source that allied aid for Poland will center in Marshal Foch. After the arrival of the French party at Lympne, a cord was thrown round the residence of Sir Phillip Sassoon. The approach of the newspapers was the signal for a mobilization of the detective forces. Balfour in Conference A last-minute decision to include Arthur J. Balfour in today's meeting came as a surprise to British and French circles, and was the cause of much speculation. The accepted view was that Mr. Lloyd George desired to avail himself of the mature experience of a statesman such as Mr. Balfour in the present crisis, the sentence of which there is no attempt to minimize in either the French or the British delegation. In the event of a final break in the negotiations with the Moscow government, it is believed France will bear the burden of land aid, while Great Britain will assume full responsibility for the imposition of the blockade. Encourage Thrift in Spain. Madrid, Aug. 8.—In order to encourage the Spanish people to save money the government has decided to give prizes to scholars in ordinary schools, students of universities, soldiers and government officials bank books in the postal savings bank, placing to their credit small sums of money. Since these savings banks were inaugurated six years ago, nearly 50,000,000 pesetas has been deposited.

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Replying to seven questions asked by E. W. H. Stone, president of the State Farmers' Union, the Tax Commission has directed to Mr. Stone the following letter: Answering your letter of the 6th inst., requesting information to be considered by the Farmers Union at a meeting to be held in Raleigh on the 12th inst., the Commission presents herewith the best information it has in answer to the several questions presented.

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Question 1. What is the total amount of corporate excess over and above the tangible property of corporations upon which excess taxes paid by all corporations? Please divide this in to banks, Savings Companies, Banking Institutes and other corporations other than the above. Answer: The total amount of corporate excess over and above the tangible property listed by and taxed against such corporations is \$45,501,611. Of this amount \$24,965,026 is the amount of corporate excess on which banks are taxed in addition to the assessed value of real estate and furniture and fixtures owned by them.

where located? Answer: The method which you ask if we would favor in this case is the method that has been in effect in North Carolina for many years with respect to all corporations other than banks. The corporation being required to pay tax on all its property where located and upon the excess value of its capital above the taxable value of its property, if any was taxed where its principal office was located. In distributing the assessment of bank stock with reference to the residences of the holder of the shares prior to 1919 we were following a practice that did not apply with respect to any other class of corporations.

Question 7. What is the general relation between the market value—that is according to quotations of stock and exchanges where available) and the assessed value of the stock of corporations. Give representative examples? Answer: We do not know of any North Carolina corporations whose stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Therefore, do not know of any North Carolina corporation whose shares of stock have an accurately established market value. It is generally true that shares of stock in North Carolina corporations have been sold during the last year at a loss figure and the relative assessed value of the property of such companies under the revaluation for the reason that the reproductive value of industrial plants has in many cases increased more rapidly than the market value of the shares of stock and the revaluation of the property of these companies approximates the reproductive value as of the first day of May. This will also explain why the item of corporate excess which represents the value

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