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CONVENTION AWAITS COMMITTEE'S ACTION

Platform Committee Will Ask That Nominations Be Made Before It Reports--Credentials Committee Not Ready to Report

FOLK SPEAKS TO CONVENTION

All Committees Ready to Report When the Convention Met Today at Noon--After Adoption of Permanent Roll and Credentials Committee's Report the Election of Permanent Officers was Gone Into--Progressive Platform Will Be Adopted and Probably Progressive Candidate Named--Bryan Still a Dominant Factor in the Convention But It is Believed He is Eliminated as a Possible Nominee.

Baltimore, June 26.—A flood of oratory buried the delegates to the national democratic convention under rhetorical waves today. The convention marked time through the entire day session, because the credentials committee had not prepared its report. After a half dozen or more of democracy's most noted speakers delivered typical campaign speeches, the convention adjourned at two seven-thirty this afternoon to meet at eight o'clock tonight. The convention then will take up the problem of permanent organization, receive the credential committee's report, and possibly begin the nominating speeches of presidential candidates. At Bryan's request it had been decided to defer drawing the platform until after the nomination. It was expected there would be no friction tonight in the permanent organization.

WQ Accept Progressive. Conservatives in the convention will accept a progressive platform and are practically ready to accept a progressive candidate rather than permit democracy to furnish recur's for Roosevelt's third party. Beaten in his first bid for support a certain of the progressive movement Bryan is still a dominant factor in the convention. By reason of that defeat he appears eliminated as a presidential candidate but he has nomination on in the event of a close race between two candidates, with all others eliminated his friends declare he will be the nominee if there is no choice on the first few ballots. All committees met this morning two hours before the time for the convention to open. One of the big contests before the credentials committee was the Sullivan and Hearst-Harrison factional dispute in Illinois.

All Candidates Optimistic. At the headquarters of the various presidential candidates, no compromise talk is heard. Optimism is heard everywhere. Each candidate is referred to by his adherents as "our next president." The Clark forces are unusually confident since Bryan's defeat yesterday and freely predict the Speaker's nomination on the first ballot.

Bryan Starts Another Fight. It was definitely stated before the convention opened today that William J. Bryan, defeated in the convention yesterday, had determined to precipitate another fight on the floor at the earliest opportunity. Bryan, it is said, believes precedent should be upset and the presidential nomination made before the platform is written and adopted. The Nebraska man's friends quoted him as saying it would be useless to write a progressive platform if the conservative element should control the nomination. Bryan was urged to write the platform, but he is loath to have anything to do with it, until he is sure who the candidate will be. That Bryan was full of fight, was evident.

E. E. BRITTON IS PERMANENT SECRETARY

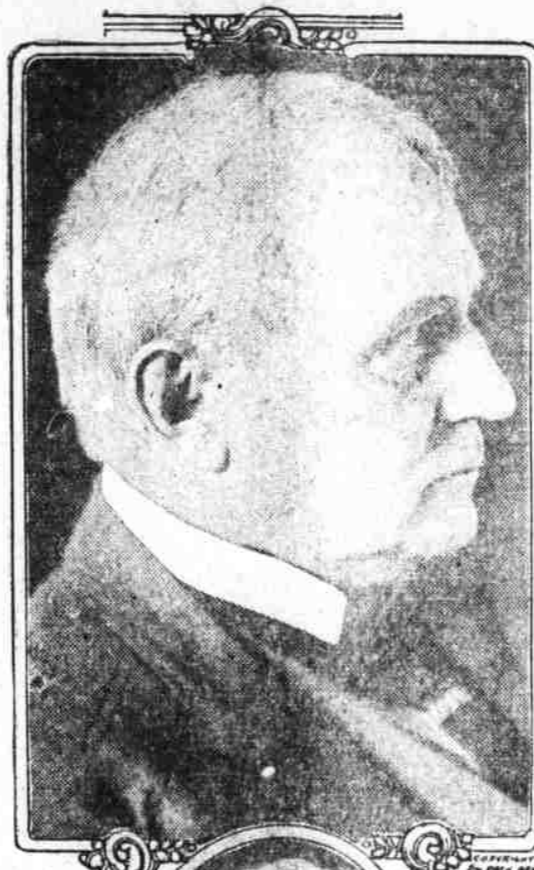
Baltimore, June 26.—The permanent organization committee named E. E. Britton permanent secretary of the convention, defeating Urey Woodson on a roll call of 24 to 18. Woodson was chosen as associate secretary. Britton is a newspaper man of Raleigh, N. C. Woodson's high qualifications for the office were admitted but the Raleigh man's friends were determined to honor him. In the formal discussion proceeding the vote, it was declared that the choice, whichever way it fell, would be without political significance.

There are more than 4,000 papers in the United Kingdom.

Starters in Race for Democratic Presidential Nomination

TALK OF KERN FOR PRESIDENT

Baltimore, June 26.—A movement to test the sentiment for Kern for the presidential nomination was started by some of the progressives who feel it may be impossible to unite two-thirds of the delegates for either Clark or Wilson. These men are working quietly but say the movement has gained considerable momentum. "Dark horse" talk increases. This is partly due to the fact that the New York delegation is determined to vote for Mayor Gaynor on the first ballot. The evident purpose of this is to see the contest among the candidates and get a line on the situation. Others interpreted it as meaning that Gaynor would be boomed for the vice-presidency. It is realized by all that the two-thirds vote necessary to nominate can only be secured by a combination of some of the candidates or by a "break" or "stamped" of the delegates.



RYAN REFUSED TO HEAD COMMITTEE

Baltimore, June 26.—Because he is not in sympathy with forces "seemingly in control of the Baltimore convention," Bryan declined to accept the resolutions committee chairmanship unanimously tendered him. John W. Kern was elected after Bryan twice refused it. The Nebraska, addressing the committee, said he was not in sympathy with the forces who appeared to be directing the trend of political events in the party and that he was not sure he could support the platform to be presented by the committee. Bryan's motion that the presentation of the platform be deferred until after the nominations by the convention was carried, 41 to 9. The committee decided to recommend this action to the convention and adjourned until the convention determined the matter.

KERN HEADS COMMITTEE

Bryan Won Fight Against Presenting Platform Until After Nomination

Baltimore, June 26.—Senator John W. Kern of Indiana, was elected chairman of the resolutions committee. Bryan flatly declined the chairmanship. He said that unless the platform embraced his ideas of true progress he would submit a minority report to the convention. He said he would accept no appointment that might embarrass him in pursuing such a course. He declined the honor emphatically. Not content to so easily abandon their harmony program, the committee turned the matter over to senators Rayner, O'Gorman and Culberson. They held an earnest discussion with Bryan in one corner of the room. Their efforts were fruitless. Bryan announced that his position was unalterable. Kern was turned to at once as representing the progressive democracy. There was no nomination in opposition. His election was unanimous. The committee began hearings preliminary to closing the doors for the actual work of making the party platform.

As soon as the resolutions committee organized, Bryan moved that the presentation of the platform be deferred until after the convention had nominated a candidate for president. Bryan recused the proposition. Bryan spoke at length, urging a progressive platform and particularly in reference to tariff and the direct election of Senators on which planks there was found to be a division of sentiment. The proposal would have to go to the convention if approved by the committee. Bryan's motion carried by a vote of 41 to nine and the committee adjourned until after the matter is presented to the convention.

Bryan's Speech. Refusing to accept the chairmanship Bryan said: "I appreciate the compliment, but I'm not willing to act as chairman. I am a believer in harmony. I think the committee ought to be in harmony with the convention. I am not in harmony with the organization of the convention nor of the national committee. We used to have two kinds of democrats--progressive and conservative. We have now only one kind--progressive; but we find there is a wide difference in defining of the word 'progressive.' I do not define progressiveness as it is defined by

KITCHIN RESTS IN MOUNTAINS

Will Renew the Campaign in a Few Days--Own Record to Figure.

Governor Kitchin is resting in the mountains of western North Carolina. The governor went up to Hendersonville last week to make an address to the doctors and from there journeyed to Haywood and other counties, where he is seeking rest and recreation. In a week or two, after the interest of the country is removed from Baltimore, he will renew his campaign for the United States senate. In answer to queries, "What has Kitchin done?" it is intimated that the governor will tell the people of his record for the past 16 years. He has been giving his version of Senator Simmons' record, but will contrast the two, it is said, in his future speeches. Those supporting the governor aver that he has nothing to apologize for and declare that he will swing many votes his way by a recitation of his accomplishments while in congress and in the governor's office.

WIFE THUMPED AND LEASED BY HUSBAND

Called "Naisance," Hired Out as Boarding House Cook at \$10 a Month.

Stouenville, Ohio, June 26.—Thumped regularly five times a day for two months, dubbed a "naisance" and finally leased to a Slavish boarding house proprietress for \$10 a month are a few of the abuse charged to her husband by Mrs. Mary Tepavac in court yesterday.

Mrs. Tepavac married the defendant recently despite the fact that she had previously been granted a divorce from her first husband on grounds of "cruel and barbarous" treatment and had been ordered by the judge not to remarry within a year. The \$10 monthly lease referred to above has been nullified by the court after legal action taken by Mrs. Tepavac's friends. She had worked at the boarding house as a cook for ten boarders.

Former Senator Higgins Dead.

Wilmington, Del., June 26.—Former United States Senator Anthony Higgins died at his brothers New York home today, age seventy-one.

UNC SAYS



"Definitely speaking, we need this 'drizzly' weather, and I'm glad to see it. In a way! Hey! you, don't hit me with that brick! I'll call Jack Beasley!"

UNDERWOOD AND CLARK WATCH NEWS

Washington, June 26.—Speaker Clark, and representative Oscar Underwood, spent the day in their offices at the capital, receiving Baltimore news. Both candidates were in touch with their managers by telephone and learned of the developments in the convention by the newspaper reports also. The candidates greeted many visitors from Baltimore. While the speaker and Underwood are strong personal friends and have been political allies for many years, presidential talk is avoided when they meet in the corridors. It is "hello Champ" and "hello Oscar" and that is the end of it.

PLAN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN LEVERN BETTS WAS RELEASED

Doctor Few Starts Movement for Women's College at Trinity. Allowed to Give \$100 Bond and Go Home Until Friday

(Special to The Times.) Durham, June 26.—Monday evening in the rooms of the Commercial Club, Dr. W. P. Few, president of Trinity College, met with the executive committee of the club, and plans were laid for a movement to establish a great college for women. The college that those attending the meeting have in mind is to be in connection with Trinity College, although it is to have separate buildings. To begin with an act to cut part of the initial expenses the same faculty will be the instructors in the women's college that are in Trinity College. According to the plans now set forth the location of the college is to be near Trinity College, and presumably on the same grounds. Should the plan be carried out the faculty of Trinity College will be increased so as to be large enough to supply both. The starting expenses of the college, it is thought, will cost but little, as there will be only one building to begin with, this to be a dormitory, and also class room. The dormitory will have to be at least capable of housing one hundred girls in the beginning year, as this number will, it is thought, enter. At the meeting Monday evening the matter was placed in the hands of a committee from the commercial association, and the merchants' association, who will place the matter before the people of the city, in whose hands will be left the matter of contributions towards the erection of the building needed. At the head of this committee a man perfectly familiar with the college work, and of the city will be elected to formulate plans for the raising of the amount desired. The plan up to the present date has taken well among the local people, and it is generally conceded that it will take well throughout the south.

REV. MYERS DROPS DEAD

Thought Probable That Heart Failure Caused End--Other News From Statesville. (Special to The Times.) Statesville, June 26.—Rev. W. A. Myers, an aged and well-known Baptist minister of Wilkes county, was found dead in the road near his home in the New Castle community, Monday. Mr. Myers has been very feeble for some time and it is presumed that he suffered a fatal attack of heart disease soon after leaving home in his buggy. He was 81 years old and leaves a number of children. He was well-known in the northern section of this county, where he often conducted religious services. The funeral and interment today was at Zion church, in this county.

Mr. Junius Morrison, age 90 years and one of the oldest citizens of the county, died Sunday at his home, a few miles from Statesville. Mr. Morrison had been practically helpless for several years from the effects of paralysis. His son, Mr. James Morrison, had been in the room with him, but went out for an hour and on his return found his father dead. Three sons and a daughter survive.

Mr. W. E. Webb, of Statesville, and Miss Bertha Fleming, of Franklin, Tenn., were married at Franklin yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock. It was a quiet home wedding, and only a few friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony. The bride and groom will spend their honeymoon in the mountains of Western North Carolina, and will then come to Statesville to live. Mr. T. M. Webb, of Raleigh, accompanied his brother to Tennessee, and was in attendance at the marriage.

Mr. Webb is secretary and treasurer of the Mutual Building and Loan Association and manager of the insurance department of the Statesville Loan and Trust Company. He is popular in social and business circles. His bride has for several years been a member of the faculty of the Statesville Female College. She is an excellent young woman and her many friends are pleased to learn of her permanent residency in the town.

It is learned here that Fred. Wike, a negro, has been placed in jail at Newton for an attempt to criminally assault the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. Alex. Witherspoon, of Catawba county.

Georgia Legislature Met Today. Atlanta, Ga., June 26.—The Georgia legislature met in annual session today. It continues for fifty days. The Tipping's bill, to prohibit the sale of beverages containing over one-half per cent. of alcohol, is one of the big measures before the legislators. The bill would suppress the "near beer" traffic.

Death of A. H. Worth.

Elizabeth City, June 26.—A. H. Worth, Sr., died early this morning after an illness of several weeks. He was about 70 years old. He is survived by his wife and four children, Attorney W. A. Worth, A. H. Worth, Jr., Mrs. Edson Carr, and Miss Mary Worth.

SOLICITOR GENERAL LEHMANN RESIGNS

Washington, June 26.—Frederick W. Lehmann, solicitor general of the United States, placed his resignation in the president's hands today. His successor has been practically chosen. Lehmann is a democrat and is regarded by many as a possibility for attorney general if the democratic administration goes into power. Lehmann has been prominently mentioned for a place on the supreme court bench. Lehmann will return to St. Louis, his home, where he was practicing law, when Taft appointed him as Lloyd W. Bowers' successor.

CHARLOTTE CLUB PUT OUT OF BUSINESS

(Special to The Times.) Charlotte, N. C., June 26.—The Catawba Club of this city and Ben Swanson and R. B. Wentz, manager submitted in the recorder's court this morning to the charge of illegal sale of liquor. The club was fined \$500 and costs in the case and directed to surrender its charter into the hands of the court. Judgment was withheld for \$50 and the payment of the costs in the case of the individual defendants, subject to having judgment prayed at any time the city solicitor may be convinced that they are engaged in the illegal sale of liquor.

New Church.

At a meeting of the building committee of the Lakewood Methodist church, it was decided to begin work on their new building at once. The church is to be of red pressed brick and is to cost several thousand dollars. The contract for the work has been let to Mr. W. L. Wall, a local man, and the work is in charge of Mr. R. E. Lee, who is acting chairman in the place of Gen. J. S. Carr, who is attending the convention.