

COLORED TEAM 43 YEARS OLD

Victor Fire Company to Celebrate Anniversary This Week

This month marks the forty-third anniversary of Raleigh's colored volunteer fire department, which is known as the "Victor Company No. 3."

It was in the year 1869 that the colored men of Raleigh held a mass meeting and petitioned Mayor Harrison for the privilege of organizing a volunteer company. After the organization was perfected, the city turned over to them two pieces of fire-fighting apparatus—a hand engine and hose cart. These old relics are stored in the city lot here, and are a striking contrast to the present development of the colored branch of the city's fire fighting service.

The charter members of the Victor Company were all colored men of prominence here. They were: James H. Jones, H. C. Jones, H. P. Buncombe, John E. Williams, William Mitchell, Charles M. Hunter, Samuel Stewart and Sylvester Dunston. These have long since retired on account of age, but in most cases their sons have taken up the work where they left off, and are today rendering the city of Raleigh good service as firemen. Many of the older ones are even today acting as advisors, though unable to render active service.

The colored wing of the department has, on several occasions, headed off what looked like critical situations here, during big fires.

The men are proud of their position, and glad to be of service to the city. Under every chief they have served, they have gained his confidence and the appreciation of the white citizens of Raleigh.

It is the desire of the men to celebrate their anniversary by having a little ice cream feast this week, providing sufficient funds can be raised for the occasion, especially for those men now living, who have labored for forty-three years in the service.

F. B. Kellebrew is for man, J. T. Palmer is secretary and Charles Winters is treasurer of the company.

Convention Awaits Committee's Action

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Another important proposition decided was the recognition by the rules committee of the authority of a state convention to instruct its delegates to be national convention in the enforcement of the unit rule, in the absence of a specific statute.

Last Night's Session.

Baltimore, Md., June 26.—A rapid fire, routine session last night closed the first day of the democratic convention which began with the defeat of Wm. J. Bryan for temporary chairman. Scenes of disorder on the floor which made further proceedings impossible forced last night's session, and compelled Alton B. Parker to suspend his keynote speech until the evening session.

Last night the delegates on the floor gave earnest evidence of their desire to do everything in a hurry and get away from Baltimore. The leaders had planned to adjourn the session last night until 2 o'clock today and to have the committees which were appointed meet at 10 o'clock this morning. But the delegates would not hear of this plan and disorderly protests from the floor forced an adjournment until noon and advanced the committee meetings so that they were ordered to meet immediately after the session.

Hurry is Plain.

The delegates were very excited about hurrying things along. A voice from the floor announced: "We have no Perkins to pay our bills."

The completion of Judge Parker's speech and the naming of committees was the sum of the work of the night session. William Jennings Bryan did not appear at the convention hall during the evening. His failure to be on hand caused an almost immediate adjournment of the resolutions committee, which met after the session in response to the delegates' demand for speed. It was practically certain that Bryan would be elected chairman of the committee. The other committees got together immediately for organization.

But a scattering attendance appeared in the galleries at 8 o'clock, the hour set for convening the convention. There were hundreds of vacant seats in the delegates' section. The delegates who were in their seats gathered in little groups, and a hum of conversation swept the hall. The band was anxious to please and drifted from "Moonlight Bay" to Von Suppe's Overture from "Wilhelm Tell." Scattered hand-claps greeted Chairman Parker as he made his way up the middle aisle through the groups of delegates.

The soft rain that fell at intervals all day set in again toward night fall, adding to the humid heat and the atmosphere of the hall was oppressive. As a result delegates and spectators stripped off their coats and rolled up their shirt sleeves, ready for the night's work. The bright glare of the flickering electric lights added to the oppressive heat.

The delegates began to crowd in about 8:30 and in a few moments

the aisles were in confusion. The sergeants-at-arms tried in vain to get the delegates seated. Many of them wanted to visit and converse and they thought the aisles the proper place to do it. Finally four policemen were placed in each aisle to keep the crowd moving. At 8:25 Chairman Mack dropped his gavel and the night session was on.

The Rev. W. M. Dame, of the Memorial Church Protestant Episcopal of Baltimore, then delivered the prayer. In conclusion the Rev. Mr. Dame led the assembly in the Lord's prayer.

"The congregation will join in the Lord's Prayer," he said, and the "congregation" really did. A murmur that grew louder and more confident as the familiar words went on, swept the big hall, and the whispered "Amen" was full throated and loud.

How North Carolina Voted.
Baltimore, June 26.—When North Carolina was reached in the roll call on the temporary chairmanship, Chairman Glenn announced that the vote was 15 for Parker and 9 for Bryan, the delegation had been polled to determine the vote. Here is the poll:

For Parker: Dowd, McLean, Dortch, Lambe, Aydtlett, Harding, Clark, Ransom, O'Berry, Hill, Howard, Daniels, Abell, Underwood, McQueen, Bailey, Blair, Robinson, Doughton, Clement, R. L. Smith, Brenner, Roberts, Erwin, Weaver, Love, Dillard; for Bryan: Glenn, Carr, Newland, Justice, Hammer, Hale, L. L. Smith, Finch, Rascoe, White, Cox, Ramsey, Graham, Bryant, Hastings, Haynes, Clark, McIver, Young, Self.

Bryan Hadn't Seen Mr. Bryan.
Baltimore, June 26.—Whatever William J. Bryan's plans may be for building the party platform, what planks it will contain, whether it will be progressive, or conservative, Bryan is keeping carefully concealed from his friends. Bryan had no statement to make early this morning, either regarding the platform or Parker's appeal to the delegates to make Bryan chairman of the resolution committee. Returning to his hotel from a visit to Mayor Preston, the Nebraskan spent the early morning hours in correspondence, then went to the convention hall to attend the resolutions committee meeting.

"The delegates are saying you will write the platform," was suggested to Bryan. Bryan rejoined: "But a progressive platform would be a rebuke to the convention, would it not?" A newspaper man pressed close to Bryan and in a most confidential appeal for information on the platform, said: "Mr. Bryan, I have not seen Mr. Bryan this morning. But can you tell me what Mr. Bryan believes the platform will contain?" Bryan drew the reporter still closer, and replied in a mock seriousness: "I have not seen Mr. Bryan myself, this morning."

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STRONG FOR T. R.

Mountaineers of Western North Carolina Announce Intention of Sticking to the Colonel.

(Special to The Times.)

Asheville, June 26.—It is doubtful if the colonel has any more ardent supporters among the rank and file of the republican party than in Western North Carolina, and it is certain that there are many here who would follow him even to the breaking of party ties that have bound them all their lives. Already the "bandana" is to be seen on the city streets. However, they seem to be in a rather unsettled state. With the colonel they are playing a waiting game and the leaders do not try to hide the fact that they are waiting on the colonel's next move. They say it is all they can do.

The case of Colonel Lusk is little short of pathetic. He has been a strong partisan for 50 or 60 years, and has fought to the last ditch in many a political battle. His is almost an isolated case in the respect that he has been fed out but little pie. He is a republican for the party's sake, and it will be as painful as vivisection for him to leave the regular organization. However, the colonel doubtless believes that the organization is leaving him, and not he the organization, and in his continued support of the colonel, he will insist that he is still supporting the party.

To a newspaper man Colonel Lusk declared that come what would, he would not support Taft. He said that he could not consistently or conscientiously do it; that he has been fulminating against theft for years and he cannot support a man who stole the nomination. This statement was accompanied by language of such strength as to leave no doubt as to the colonel's sincerity.

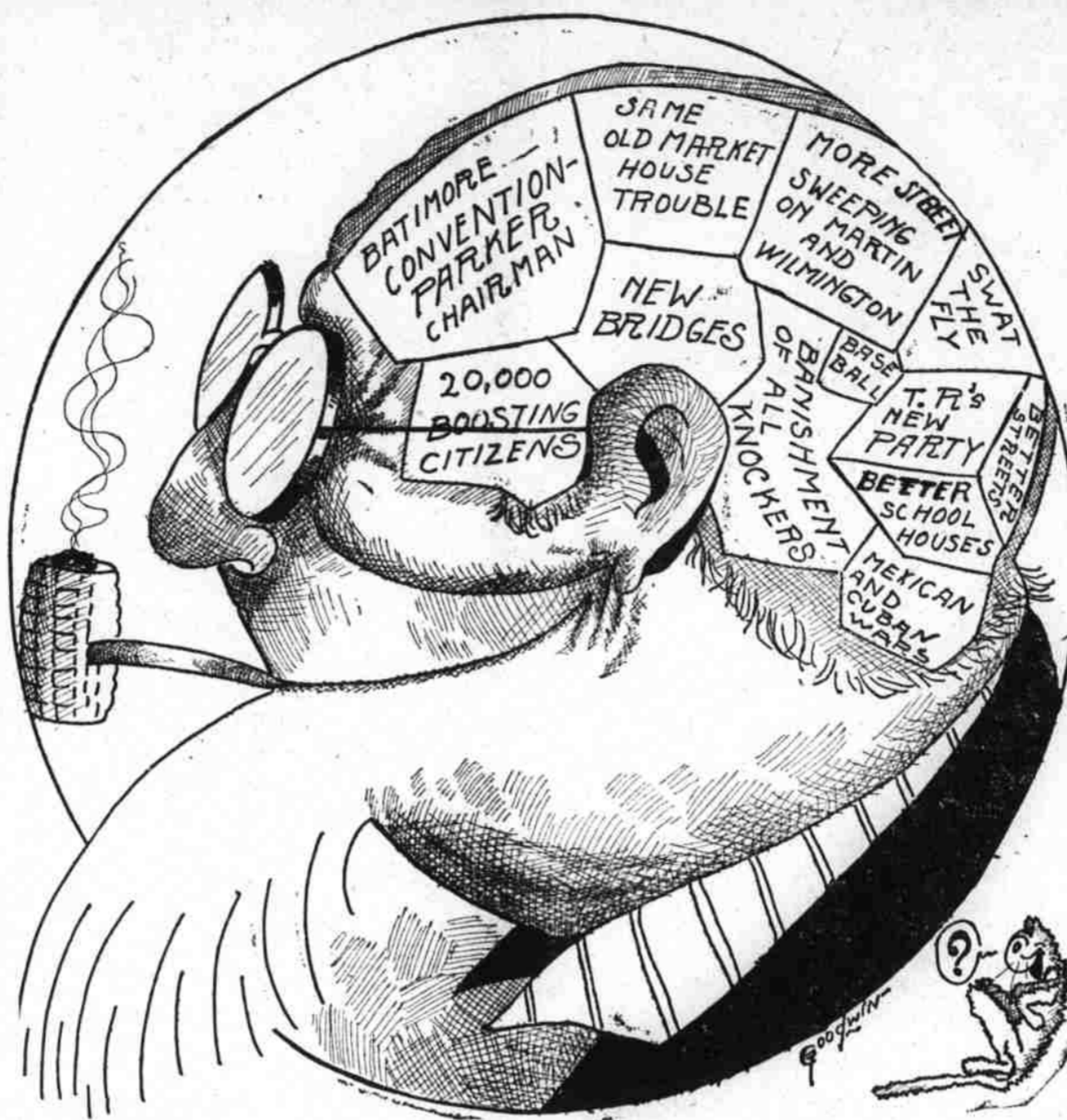
Colonel Lusk is one of the few that will talk. Most of the Roosevelt men are not saying much. They seem to be in the position of fearing to commit themselves; that they may take a stand that they may have to retire from.

The democrats are a little skeptical with reference to Teddy's supporters sticking to him if he heads a new party. Most of them are of the opinion that in the end they will all go home to roost as they always have done. Probably most of the republicans here as elsewhere, do not really know what they will do. They have never had such conditions to face before and they are proceeding carefully.

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PA RALEIGH'S BRAIN AS SEEN THROUGH THE X-RAY THIS MORNING!

Kern Heads Committee.

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take in minority report. It may be necessary for me to take in a minority report. I do not know that I will, but I do not want to place myself in that awkward position and for that reason I decline."

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MRS. EVA McDONALD VALESH
Club women of the east are engaging in a crusade against poisonous matches. Among the most active is Mrs. Eva McDonald Valesh, chairman of the committee on industrial problems and editor of the American Club Woman. According to Mrs. Valesh the phosphorus made matches possess a sweet taste, tempting to children. She declares that the tips of three of these matches will kill a child and that more than one thousand children in the United States were killed by match poisoning during the past year.

Cash Register Officials Must Stand Trial.

Cincinnati, O., June 26.—President Patterson and other officials of the National Cash Register Company, must stand trial for alleged violation of the anti-trust law. Judge Hollister over-ruled the defendants' demurrer to the indictments.

Boston Traveller Sold to Herald.

Boston, June 26.—The sale of the Boston Evening Traveller to the Boston Herald was announced by the Herald's publishers. Both are one cent papers.

The Silver Fizzed Toque.

It was a matter of comment at a recent banquet in Savannah, says the Chicago Post, that the Chatham Artillery punch was missing. There was some alarm over this until it was established that the recipe had not really gone the way of the secrets concerning Tyrian purple and Damascus steel.

Artillery punch is a solid punch. Its veiled wallow is like that of a boxing glove with a brick in it.

Col. A. C. Dawes, who was presiding at a dinner following the installation of a lodge of Elks, had a bowl of it brewed without consulting the company. He had told two or three prominent novitiates that he was going to call upon them after dinner, and they had implored him

to pass them by; their timidity was extreme and their command of language schoolboyish. Would the colonel please ignore them? He would.

The dinner progressed and the punch came on at its conclusion. After two rounds had passed one of the afterdinner amateurs slipped around to the toastmaster's chair and whispered in his ear:

"Dawes, why don't you ask me to speak?"

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