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MEESE HOLD CONFERENCE

Perkins Says There Will Be No Trouble About Raising Campaign Funds

COLONEL TO TAKE REST

Roosevelt and Johnson the Nominees Of the New Party—Convention Finished Its Work Last Night—Leaders Holding Conference Today, Mapping Out Plan of Campaign—Candidates Immediately Notified of Their Nomination and Appeared Before the Convention.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Colonel Roosevelt, the progressive nominee and his campaign managers remained here today for conferences. Most of the convention delegates have departed for their homes.

The national leaders reviewed today the campaign plans, mapping out speaking tours and arranging finances. George W. Perkins, the New York financier, said there would be no trouble in arranging for adequate financial support.

The Nominations.

Singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" the delegates to the first national convention of the new progressive party last night acclaimed Col. Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, as their candidate for President, and Gov. Hiram W. Johnson, of California, as their choice for vice-president.

Marking a new departure in the proceedings of national conventions, the two candidates immediately were informally notified of their nomination and in the midst of deafening cheers appeared before the delegates to voice their acceptance and to pledge their best efforts to the coming campaign.

For several long hours during the afternoon and early evening, the big throng in the coliseum had listened to a flow of oratory in nominating and seconding speeches in which the dominant note expressed was the belief that victory would come to the new party in the November elections.

Raymond Robbins, of Illinois, and Clifford Pinchot, predicted a 300,000 majority for Colonel Roosevelt and Governor Johnson in his home state of Pennsylvania. These statements were cheered to the echo.

The party formally christened itself "The Progressive Party" leaving out the prefix "National" by which it has heretofore been known, but (Continued on Page Seven.)

WILL CALL CONVENTION

Chairman Andrews to Have Straight Republicans Meet Soon

Messrs. Wheeler Martin, Claudius Dockery, Wm. J. Andrews and Willis G. Briggs returned today from Greensboro, where they attended the meeting of the republican state committee, which called the state convention to meet in Charlotte, September.

The meeting was well attended and the supporters of the republican national ticket largely predominated. Mr. Andrews, proffered Wake county chairman, stated today that the county convention here would probably be held a few days before the state convention. The resolution, advocated by Chairman Morehead and passed by the state committee, it is claimed, the contest between the dual organizations in this county. Mr. Lester Butler, editor of The Caucasian, who also claims to be chairman in this county, is supporting in his paper the Bull Moose ticket, has called a county convention for August 24. Under the resolution adopted by the state committee this convention, it is said, cannot be regular, and cannot send delegates to the state convention, September 4, unless Chairman (?) Butler recants and comes out for the Taft and Sherman national ticket. Chairman (?) Andrews will, it is said, call a straight republican convention and endorse the Chicago platform and its candidates, Taft and Sherman. (Continued on Page Seven.)

WILD FREIGHT TRAIN IN WASHINGTON YARDS

Washington, Aug. 8.—Three men were injured, one probably fatally, when a freight train of sixty cars, ran away in the Baltimore and Ohio yards here today. K. D. Fox, freight clerk, may die. The runaway train crashed through the cashier's office at the freight station, demolishing the building. The train collided with another and both were totally wrecked. The cars' contents were destroyed. The damage is a hundred thousand dollars.

COURT IN CHATHAM

Judge R. B. Peebles Presiding—Other News.

(Special to The Times.) Pittsboro, Aug. 8.—Judge R. B. Peebles is holding Chatham Superior court this week. Only civil cases are being tried.

The drought is very distressing in this section. Many creeks and branches are drying up. Corn is suffering for the want of rain. The dust of the streets here is two inches thick in some places. Mr. Richard P. Smith, of Matthews township, made 308 bushels of oats on 37-8 of an acre. This is said to be a pretty good yield. A very inferior quality of tobacco is being cut and cured by tobacco raisers in the eastern part of the county.

Chatham boasts of many curiosities. The latest is a double-headed snake—a head on each end. This snake was killed in the barn of Mr. W. K. Perry, of Centre township, a few days ago. His snakeship's heads had eyes and two mouths the same as a single headed snake. On going to a swamp nearby Mr. Perry killed the snake's mate. They were white spotted.

Chatham's commissioners have reduced tax rate cents on the poll and 82 2-3 cents on property. Last year the tax was 84 cents on property and \$2.22 on the poll. There has been a falling off on taxable property of about \$25,000 compared with last year. The Pittsboro High School begins its fall session Sept. 2. Mr. F. M. Williamson is the principal.

Mr. John W. Taylor, who died so suddenly at his home near Moncure Monday night, was buried here yesterday afternoon. His death has cast a gloom over the whole community.

A PHYSICIAN, NOT A SURGEON.

New York, Aug. 8.—Gov. Marshall visited Democratic headquarters today. Regarding Wilson's acceptance speech, Marshall said: "It is most pleasing that the country will be treated by a physician and not a surgeon." Marshall conferred with National Chairman McCombs.

President Back in Washington. Washington, Aug. 8.—President Taft returned this morning from Cincinnati, where, with Mrs. Taft he attended the funeral of John W. Herron, her father. The president was driven to the white house where a special cabinet meeting considered the president's probable veto of the tariff bill.



"THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE."

MORE EVIDENCE OF THE POLICE GRAFT

New York, Aug. 8.—Four or five high police officials are involved in the evidence collected before the grand jury investigating police blackmail. Indictments will soon be drawn. Witnesses examined by Prosecutor Whitman corroborated the confession of "Bald Jack" Rose, who gave a list of gamblers whom Lieutenant Becker compelled to pay blackmail. Several gamblers unwillingly admitted that they paid blackmail to certain police inspectors. One witness told Whitman he was threatened with death if he gave the grand jury any information about the police. One of these inspectors kept such a close watch on the gamblers that he examined their books in proportion to their profits. Rose sent Whitman word that he was ready to identify the four murderers of Rosenthal. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s private investigation into "underworld" conditions, particularly the white slave traffic, developed one source of valuable information in the police graft probe. Neither Rockefeller nor Whitman will divulge the details but it is generally credited that through establishing what purported to be a disorderly house in the tenderloin Rockefeller's agents gathered facts which dove-tailed with the evidence Whitman secured that a police inspector received six hundred dollars monthly from such resorts for protection.

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Many Regulars On Hand—Convention Probably Go to Charlotte. Greensboro, Aug. 8.—More than a hundred regulars were on hand when Chairman Morehead called the state committee to order. It is understood all sessions are to be open, though the first hour has been occupied in presenting invitations from Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh. It is practically certain that the convention will be called to meet in Charlotte, September 15. While outwardly appearing calm, it is plain that the old regular leaders are greatly perturbed and all gossip has centered around Roosevelt and the progressive convention rather than over Taft. One does not hear Taft mentioned while on every hand Roosevelt and the effect of this action is being considered.

WILSON GOES TO NEW YORK TO HAVE PICTURE MADE.

Sagitt, Aug. 8.—Governor Wilson went to New York today to have a portrait drawn. The picture will be reproduced for campaign photographs. The governor was cheerful and refreshed this morning after the busy ordeal of yesterday. As he boarded the train, his secretary handed him a number of telegrams of congratulations on the speech of acceptance. The governor spends today and tomorrow at the artist's studio, returning here Saturday. National Chairman McCombs and other national committee members may meet him during his New York stay. Plans for the Maine campaign are completed. Governor Marshall will stump Maine before the September state elections. Wilson won't speak there until after the state elections.

NOT BROUGHT HERE BOB SNIPES TRIES TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Alleged Murderer of Clarence Layden Is Jailed. Los Angeles, Aug. 8.—R. C. (Big Bob) Snipes, confessed North Carolina moonshiner and murderer, is being held by the police until the southern officers arrive, in a serious condition, as a result of four attempts to commit suicide. Snipes last tried to sever an artery in the wrist with a piece of tin.

ATTACK ON MEAT TARIFF.

"With Tariff off Meats Steaks will go to Ten Cents a Pound." Niagara Falls, August 8.—An attack upon the meat tariff was made by Milo Westbrook, chairman of the legislative committee, in his report before the International Stewards' Association here. Westbrook concluded his remarks with the statement that "with the tariff off meats round steak will go to ten cents a pound and other cuts will be proportionately cheap."

By a vote of the convention the legislative committee was instructed to start a vigorous campaign to have a federal law passed that will admit meat to the United States free of duty. "According to the year book of the department of agriculture" said the speaker "the number of mitch cows in this country has not increased during the past five years. As the mitch cow is the source of the supply of beef we cannot look for any immediate increase in the growing demands. The finest of grass is grown in abundance in the Argentine Republic" continued the speaker "with just perfect climatic conditions makes the Argentine an ideal place to raise cattle and sheep for they graze out in the open 365 days in the year. Considering the fact that only seven percent of the acreage of the Argentine Republic is under cultivation and that their exports of meats have increased 500 per cent during the past ten years we need not worry about an ample supply of meat if our legislators will amend the laws by removing the tariff on it and thereby open the doors for the Argentine Republic to dispose of their rapidly increasing surplus."

Mrs. Grace Sends Husband a Card. Newman, Ga., Aug. 7.—"Many happy returns on your thirtieth birthday. Hope to be with you on your thirty-first—if you say so." This message, on a postcard, was received by Eugene H. Grace. It was a souvenir of Savannah, where his wife, Daisy Grace, recently acquiesced in attempting to kill Eugene. She was arrested by Philadelphia.

New York Farmer Kills His Wife. Watertown, N. Y., Aug. 8.—Gordon Priest, a farmer, told the authorities yesterday that he found his wife, robbed and murdered in their home, when he returned from work. The woman's body was found in bed with her head split with a hatchet. Her year old baby was beside her unharmed. The police this morning said that Priest had confessed.

President of Haiti Lost Life in Fire. Port Au Prince, Haiti, Aug. 8.—Gen. Cincinnatus Leconte, the president of Haiti, perished today in a fire that destroyed the national palace. A powder magazine exploded.

MR. WEBB THE NEW PRESIDENT

Elected Head of North Carolina Home Insurance Company

Mr. Alexander Webb, of this city, has been elected president of the North Carolina Home Insurance Company, of Raleigh, to succeed Hon. Richard H. Battle, deceased. Mr. Webb was vice-president and general manager of the company from April 15, 1899, until his election yesterday, as president, the recognition being well earned.

When Mr. Webb became an officer in the company the surplus to policyholders was \$60,000. It has increased this surplus to \$267,431.25, and in addition has paid regularly annual dividends of 6 per cent. The company has \$18,000,000 of insurance in force and has 200 agents in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. The company has had an honored and successful existence for all of its 43 years and has been proved so thorough that the chamber of commerce went on record as endorsing it.

President Webb was born at Ridgeway, Warren county, December 17, 1870, and moved to Asheville in 1891, where he did newspaper work for three years. Entering the insurance business, he organized the agents into the North Carolina Fire Underwriters' Association, becoming the first president. He has displayed a genius for the business and the North Carolina Home Insurance Company with him at its head will continue its career of success.

ROAD WORK IN WAKE COUNTY

Commissioners Provide For Paving All Highways in Townships

TO BE SATISFACTORY

Believed That New Plan Will Be Satisfactory to All Townships—Raleigh Township to Get Its Share of Work for First Time—No Section of County to Be Neglected—Full Text of Resolution.

If the board of county commissioners adheres to its resolution with regard to the distribution of the road forces in Wake county for the coming year, much more work than usual will be done, it is declared, and the various townships will be better satisfied. Incidentally Raleigh township, by far the most important to everybody of any in the county, will receive its proportion of improvements, and will not be sadly neglected, as has been the case in the past.

It is proposed to keep one half of the road forces in this township and to distribute the other half in the other townships, no force to remain longer in a township than six months. By this means it is hoped to do some good work in every section of the county.

The resolution passed by the commissioners is as follows:

"Resolved, That the following line of work shall become and remain the basis of road work for Wake county for the ensuing year: That the convict forces as now constituted (four in number) work—as far as practicable—only on the main lines, one half of the forces remaining in the Raleigh township and working the main lines to the five mile, the other half devoting their time to the outside townships, remaining not longer than six months in any one section of the county.

"2. That the present machine forces—four in number—be placed as follows: (1) To work Falls road, Neuse River and Rolesville roads and tributaries; (2) Raleigh and Oxford by Penny and Hesters, Lewisville and Cary and Apex road and tributaries; (3) Raleigh and Holly Springs, Fayetteville and Garner roads and tributaries; and (4) Rock quarry, Pool and Tarboro roads and tributaries.

"The said machine forces are to be paid out of the 800 per cent. fund allowed the several townships at the rate of \$12 per day while at work on township roads. It is agreed and understood that the machine forces doing township work are to be at the disposal of the township supervisors when working township roads, and that said machine forces are to so alternate every three weeks from one road to another."

Even a fair woman may have a slim chance in the matrimonial market.

SIXTY FOR SCHOOL FOR CROATAN INDIANS

Washington, Aug. 8.—Senator Simmons' bill appropriating fifty thousand dollars to erect school buildings for the Croatan Indians at Pembroke, N. C., passed the senate today. The bill also appropriates ten thousand for the first current year after the erection for maintenance.

REDUCE TAX RATE.

Lenoir County Commissioners and Kinston Aldermen Both Make Reductions. (Special to The Times.)

Kinston, N. C., Aug. 8.—The board of county commissioners at the regular monthly meeting, reduced the tax rate for Lenoir from 82 2-3 cents on the \$100 valuation to 86 2-3, or seven cents. This appreciable reduction was made possible by the increased tax valuation of property last year and this. The city council applied the knife in a new tax levy, and reduced the rate from 50 cents to 40 on the \$100.

A movement is on foot here to repair Parrott's bridge, an ancient wooden structure spanning Neuse river at the foot of Caswell street, condemned for several years past because of its dilapidated condition. The bridge leads to Parrott's park, the beauty spot of the country surrounding Kinston, and the decision of the authorities to consider its restoration is meeting with popular approval. Committees of the county and city boards are now investigating the worth of the old structure as a public convenience, and the probability is that it will be reconstructed. The bridge was weakened almost to destruction by floods about a decade ago and has since become so unstable as to cause uneasiness.

The good government league of Kinston is planning a public mass-meeting for one Sunday of this month, at which a noted public speaker will make the principal address. Former meetings of the league have been attractive to large audiences, and the coming occasion will be part of the league's program of public betterment work for the coming fall. It is said that Kinston's moral status is far better than at any previous time in the city's history, a condition which the league helped materially in bringing about.

WILSON IN NEW YORK

Will Discuss the Individual Planks of the Platform in the Campaign. New York, Aug. 8.—Gov. Wilson wants to save ammunition for the campaign, explained Wilson when asked why he omitted to discuss many of the platform planks in his acceptance speech. "I merely took the heart of the platform," said he, "and what seemed to be the heart of the situation throughout the country. I'll discuss later individual topics." The governor intimated that he would say a good deal about the navy at some future time, but he didn't wish to interfere in the present "battleship tangle" in the house. The governor's reason for ignoring the single term plank is known to his close friends. It is likely the governor will go through the campaign without uttering a single word on the subject.



AUGUSTUS OWSELEY STANLEY. United States representative from Kentucky, who, as chairman of the congressional steel investigation committee, has just presented to the house the most drastic of all the bills he has drawn for the purpose of controlling corporations. By this last measure he seeks to prevent trusts, after being dissolved, from doing business in a way to cheat the public and the courts.



NEW FIGURE IN POLITICAL LIMELIGHT.

William G. McAdoo, famous as the builder of the Hudson river tunnels which bear his name, and who is now figuring prominently in the political game as one of the chief advisers of Governor Woodrow Wilson in his campaign for the presidency. Mr. McAdoo was among the most energetic supporters of Governor Wilson at the democratic convention in Baltimore, and gave Campaign Manager McCombs valuable assistance in turning the tide of battle.