

Local Showers Tonight and Tomorrow

SIMMONS IS SUSTAINED BY PLATFORMS

Both Nation and State Approves His Progressive Measures

As gratifying as was the action of the State convention in approving the record of Senator Simmons and declaring for tariff measures in conformity with his views, the association of principles and measures in the national platform of the Democratic party must be equally satisfactory to the Senator, for it too sustains his views on the tariff and particularly approves the progressive measures which Senator Simmons has stood for, and ignores some of the measures which he has opposed.

No longer is any question to be raised as to whether in opposing reciprocity it was undemocratic, for the platform while expressly commending the Democratic House for nine specific measures omits all reference whatever to the reciprocity. And this is the more notable for while the convention was framing the platform the tariff bill was tied up in conference because of an amendment to it repealing reciprocity; and one of the reasons for this given by Senator Gore for nominating Wilson for President was that he was not committed to reciprocity. It must be taken that reciprocity as a Democratic measure has been silently repudiated. The promise for the presidency is not expected to advocate it. The question whether or not it was undemocratic to oppose reciprocity can no longer be raised. The convention has passed on that. The platform does not claim it as a Democratic measure.

Similarly, the platform settles the Democratic cross with regard to the tariff. It declares for a tariff for revenue and favors the immediate downward revision of the existing high duties, and denounces Taft for vetoing the bills passed by the present Democratic House, reducing the tariff in the cotton, woolen, metal and chemical schedules and the farmers free list bill. These measures were warmly endorsed by Senator Simmons, and he probably contributed more to their passage than any other Democratic Senator.

It is observable that the platform is silent on the question of free raw material, which was not made a Democratic doctrine; in fact, while it is Mr. Cleveland's policy it has never been an established Democratic doctrine; and it is also particularly observable that the platform is as silent as the lamb on free lumber. Free lumber is no longer in the platform in any shape.

In these respects the platform is entirely in line with Senator Simmons' record. Had he had the drafting of a platform enunciating his views of Democratic doctrine, we are quite sure he would have drawn exactly such a tariff plank as the party has adopted. It tallies exactly with his views and with his record in every respect. It is a complete justification of every position he has taken in tariff matters.

Equally gratifying to Senator Simmons must be the declaration of the convention in favor of certain progressive measures of great interest to the people. One of these Senator Simmons himself originated, to-wit: The national aid-to-state and local authorities in the maintenance of post roads. In his great speech in which Mr. Simmons announced the doctrine that the Federal government had a legal as well as moral obligation to contribute for the maintenance of roads used in carrying the mails, he broke ground for that principle, and the convention has approved and ratified his doctrine.

So, also, it approves other progressive measures which Mr. Simmons has advocated to promote the welfare, comfort and convenience and prosperity of the people—such as the parcel post and the extension of the rural delivery, the suppression of gambling in farm products; the conservation of our natural resources and the development of our waterways. These measures have long been the particular objects of Mr. Simmons' views, such as the income tax, the election of Senators by the people, a single term for the President, the supervision and control of railroads, express companies, telegraph and telephone lines, and a revision of the banking laws, and other similar measures of interest to

UNKNOWN TONGUE SECT ICECREAM VENDER CLASH

Dispenser and Brethren Finally Settle Their Differences Amicably to Satisfaction of All Concerned.

Mr. Charles M. Willis, of this city, gives an interesting account of his visit to Bear Creek Sunday last, the occasion being a camp meeting held at that place by a religious sect commonly known as the "Unknown Tongue" or "Hollown" band. The purpose of Mr. Willis' visit was to sell ice cream and cool drinks on the ground during the day but from all accounts he had anything but smooth sailing in his efforts to dispose of his commodity.

Mr. Willis arrived on the scene unmolested and soon after his arrival began to display his product and that it was readily consumed goes without saying for the folks were both hot and thirsty. Soon the leaders of the meeting discovered what was going on and almost immediately a howl of protest was manifested. Mr. Willis was promptly waited upon and told he must stop. To this request a protest was made by Mr. Willis. A conference was then suggested and a vote taken as to whether Mr. Willis could continue to dispose of his cream and drinks on the grounds or not. A poll of the members showed that twenty-five were favorable to Mr. Willis remaining and fifty were opposed. A committee delegated to notify Mr. Willis communicated with him in these words: "Get off these grounds—Glory to God—Glory to God." Of course nothing else remained but to seek other abodes. Not to be outdone Mr. Willis sought refuge in a shady nook not far away and again began the sale of cream and drinks and it was not long before the church members saw to their consternation that the ice cream and cool drink stand was more popular than the meeting. Another hurried conference was decided on and it was unanimously decided that inasmuch as there was one sterner present prayers should be offered for him. This was done most fervently and seemingly settled amicably the differences. Mr. Willis said that he had a great day nevertheless and disposed of a large quantity of cream and drinks to the hot and thirsty worshippers.

REV. F. H. HARDING LEFT FOR BALTIMORE TODAY

Rev. F. H. Harding, son of Rev. Nathaniel Harding, of Charleston, S. C., who has accepted a call to the Episcopal Church at Camden, S. C., left this morning for Baltimore after spending several days in Washington. Mr. Harding while in the Orville city, will visit his wife's people and also greet his old parishioners on or about September 1. Mr. Harding will assume his new duties as rector of the Episcopal Church at Camden, S. C., where he has the brightest prospects for years of usefulness. His many friends in Washington, the home of his boyhood and young manhood, wish him abundant success.

DELEGATION TO LEAVE FOR AYDEN THURSDAY

Accompanied by delegations from different places in Beaufort and Hyde counties Messrs W. S. Frizzle, Grand Guardian, Supervisor, T. W. Phillips, president, J. F. Thomas, treasurer, K. J. Respass, M. F. McKeel, A. B. Whitely, David Potter, R. F. Butler, C. G. Morris and others, will leave tomorrow morning for Ayden, N. C., to attend the district meeting of the Odd Fellows which is to convene in that town tomorrow. A very interesting and profitable meeting is looked for.

RESIDENCE COMPLETED

The handsome residence of Mr. James H. Russ at the corner of Fifth and Market Streets has been completed and Mr. John Habour and family are today moving to it and will occupy it. It is one of the most attractive homes in Washington.

the people, many of which he has already voted for in the Senate, and all of which have his hearty support. With a national declaration of principles he fully accorded with Senator Simmons' views, he will have that ever elusive commodity, a position in the Senate and the leadership of the party and his share of the national fame will be enlarged.

BACTERIA IN CITY WATER

Having been advised by the State Laboratory that the City Water contains bacteria and is unfit for drinking purposes, I advise those who use the city water to discontinue its use. But if you have to use this water, either for drinking or both, or washing dishes or any other purpose, boil this water and then it may be used.

The Board of Health is investigating this condition and will advise the public what further action to take.

E. M. BROWN, Supt. of Health.

BRIGADE LAWN PARTY LIBERALLY PATRONIZED

The lawn party given on the green at the First Methodist Church last night by the members of the Brigade was a pronounced success and a neat sum was realized towards liquidating the debt on the pavement in front of the church and also on Market Street. A large number were present and they highly enjoyed the occasion. The little tots are indebted to Mr. C. F. Bissel for the many attractive and interesting games he managed to their amusement and pleasure. Congratulations are in order for Mrs. E. N. Leggett, the manager of the Brigade society, for her efforts in church work. Under her management this church auxiliary is doing a fine work and should be encouraged by every member.

INTERESTING TRIALS BEFORE THE RECORDER

The Recorder's Court was more than lively on yesterday occasioned by several cases before the court for adjudication. On Sunday before last during the religious services being conducted by the "Unknown Tongue" sect at Bear Creek, at Chocowinity, N. C., several visitors became involved in difficulties and the causes were before the Recorder for trial.

The first case disposed of was that of Benjamin Thomas Pope and Wright Clark charged with an assault with deadly weapon. Pope was fined \$5 and one half cost and Clark with one half of cost.

Joseph Smith and Hudie Smith were indicted for an affray. Both were found guilty but they were not charged with the cost. Hudie Smith paid his cost but Joe Smith is now lodged in jail for failure to settle his part.

Odie Bell was indicted under the charge of disturbing a religious assembly at Bear Creek. He was found guilty and the judgment of the court was that he pay a fine of \$10 and cost.

George N. Howard and W. B. Windley were indicted for an affray which occurred in the Boon Barber Shop last Saturday night. Howard was fined \$3 and half of the cost; Windley was attached with half of the cost.

George Lewis was indicted for disorderly conduct. His case was not pressed.

This morning there was only one case before the Recorder. Ernest Sheppard was charged with being drunk. He was fined \$1 and the cost.

THE NEXT PRESIDENT

The next President of the United States is a currency reformer. Governor Wilson says: "The question of currency reform lies very near to the prosperity of the country. We suffer from crises because of our unscientific system of currency."

Colonel Roosevelt says: "There must be a revision of our currency laws, because to leave them as they are means to incur liability of business disaster."

President Taft says: "Banking and currency reform is necessary to the interests of all the people."

Senator Little and John Thompson are the leading candidates for President of the United States. They are Judge Thomas C. Bland, of Indiana; S. H. Allen, of Topeka; W. H. Thompson, of Kansas City and H. P. Farrelly, of Chicago.

SENATOR ASHURST OF ARIZONA



Henry F. Ashurst, who was elected United States senator from Arizona when that state was admitted to the Union, has been one of the most active and prominent men in political affairs down there.

Kansas Wheat and Corn Crop Being Neglected for Politics

Special to the Daily News. TOPEKA, Kan., July 31.—If the present political campaign in Kansas had much longer to run the big corn and wheat and other crops produced for the State this year would be in grave danger of neglect. But fortunately for the State and the prosperity of its citizens the campaign will end with the primaries next Tuesday leaving the people free to turn their attention to politics.

On the eve of the primaries for the choice of candidates for all public officers from United States senator and governor down to county officials the situation is admittedly the most complicated in the political history of the Sunflower State. About the only feature in connection with the contest that stands out clearly is the fact that Republican discord has increased the prospects of Democratic success in Kansas next November to an extent that would scarcely have been thought possible twelve months ago. That the Democrats are alive to their opportunity is evidenced by the fact that there is a great scramble to get on the Democratic ballot, there being an abundance of candidates in the primaries for every office to be filled.

The contest for Republican presidential electors has been so bitter as to attract nation-wide attention. The attempt of the Taft following to defeat the enemy by injunction proceedings failed, with the result that both the regulars and the progressives will have sets of presidential electors on the primary ballots. The progressives are fighting with might and main for a victory in the primaries. The battle is being directed by Governor Stubbs, William Allen Whit and other Roosevelt leaders of national reputation.

Governor Stubbs is fighting for the Republican endorsement for United States senator opposition to Senator Curtis, whose term will expire next March and who is a candidate for renomination. Senator Curtis is a Taft supporter, while Governor Stubbs is one of the "seven governors" who persuaded Roosevelt to enter the presidential race. The Governor is making his fight on an out-and-out progressive platform.

Four Democrats aspire to succeed Curtis in the senate. They are Judge Thomas C. Bland, of Indiana; S. H. Allen, of Topeka; W. H. Thompson, of Kansas City and H. P. Farrelly, of Chicago.

The Republican contest for the gubernatorial nomination are Arthur Capper, the Topeka editor, and Frank J. Leavenworth. Capper is allied with the progressives and Ryan leans towards the regulars. The Democratic contest for the gubernatorial nomination is between J. B. Billard, mayor of Topeka, and George H. Hodges of Olathe, a member of the State senate. The chief plank in Billard's platform is the resubmission of the prohibition law, in which he is opposed by Hodges.

In addition to governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, superintendent of insurance and State printer. Practically all of the present State officials are candidates for renomination. District judges and members of the legislature also are to be nominated.

JAPAN'S RULER FOR 44 YEARS PASSES AWAY

Was One Hundred and Twenty-First Emperor of the Empire.

TOKIO, July 31.—Mutsuhito, for 44 years Emperor of Japan, died at 12:43 o'clock yesterday. Yoshihito, Haru-No-Miya, reigns under the formula provided by the constitution promulgated by Mutsuhito "the King is dead; long live the King."

Mutsuhito, who was the one hundred and twenty-first Emperor of Japan, passed gently away. He had been unconscious for many hours prior to his death, and the Empress, the Crown Prince and the most prominent officials of the household and government were at the bedside.

Haruko, Dowager Empress, yields to Princess Sadako, the young Empress, who is the mother of three sons, of whom the eldest is Hirohito. Haruko has won universal sympathy because of his untiring vigil in the sick room, where she remained continuously for ten days. Even on the last day she pitifully begged the physicians to secure a short respite for the dying Emperor.

Everything known to science was done to prolong the life of the sovereign. The whole nation watched pathetically, because the death of the Emperor would establish a new record in the history of Japan, and the people clung almost fiercely to the tradition with which the dying monarch appeared in dissolubly linked.

The outcome was inevitable from the first acute developments on July 19. Death was due to acute nephritis, otherwise known as Bright's disease. This was complicated by diabetes and an intestinal affection. As is usual in such cases the patient on occasions showed marked signs of improvement, followed by a relapse. Since July 25 the condition of the Emperor gradually became worse, with high fever, weak and irregular pulse, and shallow respiration.

When the physicians recognized the hopelessness of the case every preparation was made for the end. The imperial princes, the ministers and notables were summoned to the palace and remained in the outer room for twenty-four hours. A few of the oldest who had been closely associated with the ruler were permitted to see the Emperor, while the public, contrary to custom, were taken into the confidence of the physicians, who issued bulletions hourly giving details of the progress of the disease. Even the last announcement—that of the death of the Emperor—was made within an hour.

At the end upwards of 20,000 subjects silently paid their last homage outside the palace gates. It was a marvelous scene when messengers silently mingled with the crowds and scattered the posted announcements of the Emperor's death. Deep emotion swept the multitude, but there was no evidence of excitement. The only sound was a long drawn sigh of sorrow.

Within the palace, the death was communicated to the waiting imperial princes and notabilities, whereupon, without delay the accession ceremonies were begun at the imperial sanctuary at 1 o'clock. The shrine was decorated according to the Shinto Rites. Prince Iwakura, the chief ritualist, officiated, laying the offering on the sacred altar. He was assisted by a subordinate, who rang a bell while the offerings were being placed. The oath was read in the presence of the ministers of state, and councillors and other dignitaries.

Despite the bitterness of the present fight between the two factions of the Republicans the opinion prevails among the foremost of the party leaders that after the primary battle is over the rank and file of the party will get together for a united fight against the Democratic opposition at the November election. The harmony workers find much encouragement in the fact that even the most enthusiastic of the progressives have hesitated to suggest placing a third State ticket in the field.

Mr. Lindsey Midrett, of Hyde county who has been visiting Mr. H. C. Carter for the past three weeks returned to his home this morning.

Elizabeth City, N. C., July 31.—Norman Hollowell, of Belvidere, invested five hundred dollars in an automobile and saw his money go up in smoke before he got home.

Mr. Hollowell came to Elizabeth City yesterday and purchased a machine from C. E. Kramer. Mr. Kramer accompanied him part of the way home to show him how to run it. The automobile worked all right as long as Mr. Kramer was running it, but Mr. Hollowell did not get very far, after Mr. Kramer left him to return home, before the machine in some unaccountable manner caught on fire and was burned completely up in the back yard. Mr. Hollowell barely escaped serious injuries.

HEAD OF N. S. RAILWAY HAS QUIT HIS JOB

Will Become Head of Atlanta Birmingham and Atlantic R. R.

NORFOLK, Va., July 31.—E. T. Lamb has resigned as president and general manager of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company to become operating head of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railroad Company on August first, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Lamb will represent the receivers and will have a free hand in the general management of the road's affairs and has the entire support of all interests.

It is also expected that he will be made president of the reorganized company.

It is not yet known who will succeed Mr. Lamb as President and general manager of the Norfolk Southern here. W. S. Tinsman, of Chicago, assistant to the general manager of the Rock Island Railroad is mentioned but no negotiations to this end have been concluded as yet.

Mr. Lamb has been president and general manager of the Norfolk Southern since its reorganization several years ago and has managed the property with great efficiency, leaving it largely reconstructed and in the best condition of the road's history. The Norfolk Southern under the management has grown to be a highly valuable property to its owners, mostly in the North, and is now not only on a dividend paying basis but its large earning capacity under Mr. Lamb's management has been accomplished by a reduction in operating expenses at a ratio much in excess of other railway properties in contiguous southern territory.

Under Mr. Lamb's administration the Norfolk Southern has improved its properties in many ways. It has added to its Virginia Beach holdings resort structures as fine as are to be found on the coast, an expenditure which is bound to accrue to the great financial interest of the Norfolk Southern. The wisdom of this addition has been shown by the already profitable season this year.

The Norfolk Southern by purchase of several North Carolina lines has added to its mileage and gained an outlet that it has never before enjoyed. The road has completed its plans to enter Charlotte, N. C., and in many ways is progressing under plans and ideas of Mr. Lamb's inauguration that will be felt advantageously for many years to come.

While the departure of E. T. Lamb from this community will be greatly regretted Mr. Lamb's friends are glad to know that the coming change in his position is greatly to his personal interest and advantage.

The Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railroad of which Mr. Lamb is to become the head is one of the best built railroad systems in the South. With a direct line of 350 miles the road extends from Atlanta, Ga., to Birmingham, and has branch lines into Thomasville, Ga., and Brunswick Ga., at which latter place it has extensive deep water terminals with fine terminals also at all other points.

RETURN FROM VIRGINIA BEACH

Mr. B. L. Susman and family returned this afternoon from Virginia Beach where they have been for some weeks. While at this well-known summer resort they occupied a cottage.

PRAYER MEETING

There will be prayer meeting services in all the different churches of the city this evening at the usual hour to which the general public has a cordial invitation to attend.

ACCEPTS POSITION

Mr. B. F. Braddy has accepted a position with the Hoyt Drug Company where he will be pleased to use his many friends. He is of the city's energetic and popular young men.

- NEW ADVERTISEMENTS IN TODAY'S NEWS
- Wm. Bragg & Co.
- Southern Furniture Company
- H. H. Satterthwaite
- Lytic
- Postum Cereal Co.
- Atlantic Hotel