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## UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

### Autocratic Republican Leaders —Over Step Bounds.

### REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE ROBBED OF VOICE

The Lower House in Congress Has Been Reduced to a Lower Level Than the Duma of Russia—Roosevelt Refuses to Reprimand the Democratic Minority.

Special Correspondence, Washington, D. C., April 9.

The standpat Congressional program of the Republicans has been brought up with a round turn by the Democratic members of Congress under the leadership of Hon. John Sharp Williams, and the Republican leaders are now working over time to do business without debate. They accuse Mr. Williams of filibustering, but he defied the filibuster as the man engaged in preventing legislation, while, "we," he said, "are engaged in the business of trying to force legislation." In a speech last week, Mr. Williams indicated the Democratic position and showed they were determined to prevent any bill from passing by unanimous consent and not to allow any departure from what the rules required, until the Republican leaders would allow some of the legislation, which he named, and which had been recommended by President Roosevelt, be considered.

The Republican leaders, finding themselves helpless, have been forced to bring in a new special rule to prevent the Democrats from having their way; and this new rule is so drastic that even heated debate is prohibited on House bills which the Senate has amended, which in future will be sent to conference, or the amendments agreed to, without any intervening motion of any kind being allowed. So the Senate can tack on any amendment it pleases, and the Representatives of the people will have no voice for or against such amendments. This would appear to be unconstitutional. The rule also provides that for the remainder of the session a motion to take a recess shall be privileged, and have precedence over a motion to adjourn; and that the question shall be decided without debate or amendment. That is the first time that the rule that a motion to adjourn is always in order, has been overridden and virtually rescinded. A further provision of the order was that during the remainder of the session it shall be in order to close debate by motion in the House before going into Committee of the Whole, which motion shall not be subject to either amendment or debate.

When this rule had been read, Mr. Williams inquired if the minority would have the usual twenty minutes to discuss this rule. "They will not," curtly replied Mr. Dillard. "I just wanted the House and the country to know that fact," replied Mr. Williams.

The fact is the Republicans are in a hole, and have lost their temper, and will discover later how these rules may come back to plague them. As no Republican protested against this drastic rule, none of them can protest when their own turn comes and the autocratic leaders give them a dose of their own medicine. On Monday, the contestants having in the meantime cooled off somewhat, and the prodding of the Democrats having had its effect, the employers' liability bill was passed under suspension of the rules. That measure was one of the bills that the Democrats have been forcing the Republicans to consider, so the Democratic filibuster, as the Republicans call it, is having its good effect. The President, it is said, has a ready threat to veto the public buildings bill unless Congress agrees to increase the number of battleships. The New York World is authority for the statement that many Republican Congressmen have called on the President and besought him to issue a statement repudiating the proffered assistance of the Democrats to pass some of the legislation he has recommended, "but he has declined absolutely to do so." His friends say he still hopes that enough Republicans will break away from Cannon to enable the Democrats to put through those sections of his message for which they are fighting.

It has long been considered that the lower House of Congress has

not been a deliberative body; but now, under this new rule, the Republicans, for partisan purposes, have reduced it to a lower level than any of the popular assemblies of Europe, now excepting the Duma of Russia.

The fight within the Republican party for supremacy is becoming more bitter as the time for the national convention draws nearer. In Ohio there is a revolt against the State ticket, which will certainly defeat it, unless the objectionable candidates of the Taft-Cox faction are withdrawn and other candidates who are not under the control of Boss Cox nominated in their stead. Congressman Ansberry says there has been a great reversal in public sentiment since the Republican State Convention, and that "the Republicans of Ohio believe they have been betrayed into the hands of the Cox-Brown machine" through the efforts of the Taft machine in hiding rough-shod over those opposed to his nomination, which may lead, in many states, to a revision in public feeling such as Ohio exhibits.

As the Party in Power has public patronage and plunder at its command to smooth over rough places, it is probable that the leaders who are planning revolt will be quieted with promises of patronage and place, but their followers may be less amenable to such corrupt influences and may result at the polls.

## GREAT FIRE IN BOSTON.

### Entailing a Loss of Twelve Million Dollars, Six People are Killed.

Boston, Mass., April 13.—Ten thousand persons are homeless, one thousand buildings are smoking ruins, six persons are known to have lost their lives, eighty-five are missing, and eighty were injured as a result of a fire which broke out at Chelsea, a northern suburb of Boston at 10:40 Sunday morning. A property loss is today estimated at \$12,000,000.

The fire, which started from a boy's bonfire, was swept by a violent northeast gale over an area of two miles long and a mile wide at its broadest point. Not since the great Boston fire of 1872 has any New England city been visited by so disastrous a loss.

Contributions to the relief fund are being rushed from every part of the country.

## Ridge-Kinney.

Last Thursday morning, at the home of J. S. Ridge, the officiating Justice of the Peace, Miss Fannie Kinney, and Mr. U. A. Ridge, were united in marriage in the presence of a few friends. The bride is a daughter of George H. Kinney, of Franklinville, and a popular young lady. The groom is a citizen of High Point, where the young couple will make their home.

They have the best wishes of a host of friends in Randolph county.

## Fighting Tuberculosis.

The town of Durham has appropriated \$600 a year to assist the Anti-Tuberculosis Association of Durham to carry on its fight against the great white plague. It is probable that Durham county will contribute an equal amount. A hospital and a nurse will be maintained to treat patients.

## Mr. Glenn Will Retire.

Gov. Glenn spoke twice to the voters of Gaston county on prohibition last Thursday. At Dallas a most significant part of his speech was his declaration that he would retire to private life at the end of his term as Governor. He will soon issue a statement to this effect he says.

## Standard Oil Ousted.

In an opinion delivered by Judge M. M. Neil, of the Supreme Court of Tennessee on Saturday the right of the Standard Oil Co. to do business in that State is denied. The company is ousted for restraining trade at Gallatin, Tenn. An appeal was taken.

## Horrible Accident at Climax.

Mamie Coble, the 13-year-old daughter of Mrs. Flora Coble, of Climax, was burned to death at her home last Thursday. The funeral was conducted at Tabernacle church Friday. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of a host of friends.

## Address to Democrats— Mr. Craig's Claims Presented.

### The Democracy of Buncombe County, in Convention at Asheville, Issued an Appeal to the Democrats of the State Presenting the Claims of Mr. Locke Craig for the Nomination for Governor of the State—His Political Record and Loyal Service Set Forth—Western Part of the State Entitled to the Nomination of Its Candidate.

The following address to the Democratic voters of North Carolina was adopted by the Buncombe Convention in Asheville.

The Democrats of Buncombe county, in convention assembled, present to the Democratic voters of North Carolina the name of Locke Craig as a candidate for Governor.

We respectfully, but earnestly, call the attention of the people of the State to the following reasons why Mr. Craig should be nominated to this high office:

Mr. Craig was born in Bertie county and is the eldest son of a distinguished and venerated Baptist minister, who died before Mr. Craig was 15 years of age, leaving him to care and as the chief protector of a



HON. LOCKE CRAIG, Asheville, N. C.

widowed mother. By the labor and sacrifice of his mother, he was enabled to graduate at the University of North Carolina, which he did with the highest honors of the great institution. After a short career as a teacher he obtained his law license and removed to Asheville for the practice of his profession.

As a lawyer Mr. Craig stands among the leaders at the bar, and as a practitioner he practices the highest ethical ideas of his profession. He enjoys a large and lucrative practice, and as an advocate he has few superiors in this State.

Mr. Craig is a Christian gentleman, a consistent member of the Baptist church. In all the private relations of life—son, husband, father and friend—he illustrates the noblest type of North Carolina citizenship.

## Political Record and Party Service.

Mr. Craig is a Democrat in the truest and best sense. He has ever been ready to render effective, self-sacrificing service to his party. His services have been at the command of his party organization, and he has gone cheerfully, at his own expense, wherever he was sent. No man in the State has made more brilliant or effective speeches in advocacy of the principles of the Democratic party than has Mr. Craig. With the possible exception of Governor Glenn and ex-Governor Aycock, he has made a greater number of speeches than any other Democrat in the State.

In 1892 he was presidential elector in the mountain district, and in 1896 he was presidential elector of the State at large. His canvass of the State in 1896 established his reputation as a man of great ability, high ideals and sound Democracy. He was a member of the General Assembly in 1899 and 1901. In these assemblies he was conspicuous as a leader. A native of the east, living many years in the central section of the State, long a resident of the west, he was thoroughly acquainted with the needs of all sections of the State. He knew the troubles and trials of the east and he has always championed the measures necessary for the safety and welfare of the eastern people. In the great contest for white supremacy

in this State he bore an important and conspicuous part.

It is not too much to say that to Mr. Craig, as much as to any other man in North Carolina, we owe the submission and adoption of the franchise amendment to our constitution which has effected such beneficial results in North Carolina, bringing peace and prosperity to our people.

At the session of the General Assembly in 1899 he offered in the House of Representatives a substitute for the pending separate railway car bill, which was adopted and is now the law under which the whites and blacks ride in separate cars. At the same session of the Legislature he introduced and secured the passage of a bill to prevent the removal of cases by foreign corporations from the State to the Federal courts.

His self-sacrificing service to the party has been equal in effectiveness to that rendered by those other great champions of the rights of the people—Simmons, Aycock, Glenn and Overman. The first four have all rarely resorted to the hands of a grateful people, honors somewhat commensurate with the services rendered, and we believe that the people of North Carolina will embrace this opportunity to do like justice to the claims of Mr. Craig. The only offices ever held by him are those which involved sacrifice and not remuneration.

## A Friend of Education.

Born of the common people, Mr. Craig has always been an ardent advocate of the education of the masses. As chairman of the committee on education in the Assembly of 1899 he did much to reform the public school laws, and to frame the present law, under the operation of which such giant strides have been made in the educational progress of the State.

A true disciple of Jefferson, Mr. Craig has ever been the impassioned foe of special privileges. He would do no wrong to property—he is too just for that; but in every contest between the people and those who would oppress them, his voice has ever been heard, and his hand uplifted in defense of popular rights.

The covert suggestion that Mr. Craig has entered this race in the interest of the railroads and the trusts is falsified by every act of his life and every impulse of his heart. We, his neighbors and friends, before whom he has gone in and out for a quarter of a century, repudiate the suggestion as a gross injustice to a man whose love of the common people is as real and as passionate as that of the illustrious Vance.

## The Claims of the West.

The western part of North Carolina is rapidly growing in influence and material development. The great section of the State earnestly presents to the Democrats of the central and eastern portions of the State the claims of the west to political recognition at this time. The east has never appealed to the west in vain. The west has loyally and ardently supported all measures which promoted the welfare of the western people.

Now we present the claims of a candidate in every way worthy of the high honor of Governor of this Commonwealth. For more than half a century North Carolina has not had a Governor coming from west of the Blue Ridge. Mr. Craig is the acknowledged leader of the western Democracy, and we earnestly ask a just and grateful people carefully to consider his personal claims to this high honor, as well as the claim of the great section from which he comes.

In the amendment campaign of 1900 Mr. Craig canvassed western North Carolina, and in many instances, endangered his life while boldly and fearlessly advocating the constitutional amendment.

We rest our case upon the sense of justice of the Democracy of North Carolina, confidently believing as

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS.

### Big Convention Held at Burlington—Officers Elected.

The twenty-fifth annual convention of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, which convened at Burlington last week, was probably the most successful ever held. The next convention will be held at Concord, Thursday afternoon, just before the convention closed, the following officers were elected:

President, C. Brown Cox, Burlington; vice-presidents, L. M. Clark, Rev. P. H. Fleming and Rev. C. E. Clark, recording secretary and office secretary; Miss Maud Reid, Raleigh; treasurer, J. W. Case, Greensboro; member international executive committee, N. B. Broughton, Raleigh; secretary of primary department, Mrs. E. H. McChaux, Greensboro; secretary of home department, Mrs. Frances P. Hubbard, secretary of teacher training, the Rev. H. A. McCallough, Albemarle; secretary adult organized classes, T. B. Eldridge.

Randolph is again the banner county in the State, with Duplin second in rank. The requirements to be met in receiving the banner is that every township in the county be organized; that a convention be held by each township and that the pledges be paid in full.

Randolph this year increased her pledge to \$200 to State work and leader this amount many of the Sunday Schools in the county made private pledges. These will swell the amount to about \$400.

Randolph's report to the State Sunday School convention showed seven new schools organized last year. There was an increase of 1,000 in membership making a total enrollment of 10,000.

## PROMINENT SPEAKER COMING

### United States Judge J. C. Pritchard Will Speak at Asheville.

From prohibition headquarters it is announced that Judge J. C. Pritchard will speak at Asheville April 27th. He will also speak at Winston-Salem, April 18; Yadkinville, April 20; Wilkesboro, April 21; Dobson, April 22; Mt. Airy, April 22 at night; Danbury, April 23; Reidsville, April 24; Greensboro, April 25; Lexington, April 25 at night; Concord, April 26; Gastonia, April 28; Fayetteville, April 29; Smithfield, April 30.

## Safety Airbrake Stands Great Test.

The Wright Safety Airbrake was given a test on the Durham and Charlotte road one day last week, when a truck was derailed while the train was running at 15 miles an hour. The automatic appliance was immediately brought into play and the train stopped within 50 feet. The trains have been equipped with the appliance for several years and this, which might have proved a serious wreck, is the first real test, it being the first unforeseen accident during the time.

## REPUBLICAN PROSPERITY IS RAMPANT

Boston, Mass., April 6.—The wage reduction of ten per cent, became effective today in the cotton mills of New England, employing thirty thousand operatives. Last week the wages of sixty thousand persons were reduced. Next Monday the pay of thirty-five thousand additional hands will be cut.

## Negro Kidnapped Sheriff.

One Cunningham, a negro, kidnapped Deputy Sheriff, J. C. West, of Anneton, Ala., last week while the officer was trying to arrest him. Relieving West of his badge, pistol and money, the negro locked him in a freight car and shipped him away.

We do that the distinguished ability, exalted personal character, devotion to the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy and valuable party service of Mr. Craig entitle him to the nomination.

## GLENN NOT IN RACE.

### Issues a Statement to This Effect From Raleigh Today.

### CHARACTERIZED AS A MANLY LETTER FROM A MANLY MAN

### Gov. Sets at Rest All Speculations as to His Candidacy for the United States Senate in a Lengthy Letter to the Public—Says Two Things Actuate Him.

Raleigh, N. C., Tuesday 14.—In an open letter, addressed to the people of the State, Governor Glenn today formally announced that he would not be a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Lee S. Overman. He will support Senator Overman. In the letter he says:

"I have given the matter careful and prayerful consideration and feel that I am doing right, and in coming to my conclusion two things have actuated me, first, to serve the State by preventing a bitter contest; second, and I hope, a still higher motive, to help humanity. With hostile papers saying I was making this canvass for prohibition as a stepping stone for my own political advancement, or hoping on the crest of a big temperance victory to ride into the office of Senator, the effects of my campaign would be weakened and my sincerity doubted. So, being desirous to be untrammelled by thoughts of self, but only acting for what I believe the State's greatest good, I lay aside my ambition."

The entire letter, which is lengthy shows the spirit of a sincere man. "I know," he continues, "that the present is my flood tide, and in refusing to make the political current I lose all my ambitions and surrender forever my ambition, but one thing is better than holding office—duty."

## PREPARING FOR WAR.

### United States in Time of Peace, Preparing for Defense.

The fortifications bill which has passed congress author 2.5 millions of dollars for the defense of the Pacific Coast. Although the representatives of Japan deny that it is the Mikado's intention to make a hostile movement against the United States, many believe that this is the ultimate end.

The western coast will be made the seat of this preparation, and a special bill provides fortifications for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. This preparation is made that this station will become the largest naval base in the world.

## Blood Riot at Pensacola.

The Electric Railway men at Pensacola, Fla., went out on a strike last week and on Friday a big, bloody riot followed the arrival of a carload of strike-breakers. Drunks, bottles, sticks, stones and revolvers were used and fifteen of the strike-breakers were wounded.

Troops have been ordered to the scene. An effort was made Monday to start the cars. The curfew law is being enforced.

## Mrs. White-Duke for Fugitive.

Mrs. Alice White-Duke, the divorced wife of Willie D. Duke, was fined by the grand jury at Chicago last Saturday on a charge of forgery to the amount of \$73,000. She was sent to jail in default of bond. She does not deny the charge, and declares she was ill and not responsible for her actions.

## Ex-Representative Banner Goes to Pen.

Luther M. Banner, former representative in legislature of Mitchell county, was convicted last Saturday in Watauga county for the murder of a young lumberman named Cline. The accused was the termination of an old feud. Banner was sentenced to a term of 30 years in the pen.

## May Close 60 Days.

At a meeting of the N. C. Cotton Manufacturers' Association at Charlotte Friday it was decided to recommend that the mills embraced in the association shut down for 60 days. Final action will be taken at the meeting April 17th.

## Reward for Voters.

Gov. Glenn has offered \$50 reward for the capture of the members of the mob who shot up the homes of Greek laborers at Belhaven, Beaufort county last week. Thirteen have been arrested and are in the county jail at Little Washington.