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IN FULL RETREAT.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan Rides Republican Platform.

NATIONAL CONVENTION TURNS BACK ON REFORM.

In the Next Issue of the Commoner the Nebraska Will Discuss the Delays of the Republican Convention—Delegates Has Over Each Other Getting Away From the Reform Endorsed by President Roosevelt—Republicans Will Have Many Embarrassing Things to Deal With in the Coming Campaign, Chief Among These Being the Defeat of the Campaign Publicity Resolution—Retreated from the Railroad Question.

Lancolin, Neb., June 20.—Under the caption "In Full Retreat," William J. Bryan, in the next issue of The Commoner, will discuss the Republican convention as follows:

The Republicans who attended the national convention as spectators and joined in the demonstration in favor of President Roosevelt and Senator La Follette, must have felt indignant as they watched the panic-stricken delegates running over each other in their effort to get away from the La Follette reforms, some of which had been endorsed by the President himself. Congressman Cooper, of Wisconsin, representing the La Follette men, brought in a minority report signed by himself alone. Fifty-two members of the committee signed the majority report and one signed the minority report.

An Embarrassing Position.

The Republican party will find the ratio of 52 to 1 a very embarrassing one to deal with in the coming campaign. Mr. Cooper's report contained a declaration in favor of publicity as to campaign funds. It was lost by a vote of 880 to 94, more than 9 to 1, and yet the President had been advocating legislation in favor of publicity as to campaign contributions and Secretary Taft wrote a letter to Mr. Burrows advocating the passage of a publicity bill. How fortunate it was that Secretary Taft's letter was finally discovered and published. Senator Burrows, the man to whom the Taft letter was addressed, was the temporary chairman of the convention, and the convention over which he presided turned down the publicity plank by a vote of nine to one; who will deny that, on this subject, the Republican party is retreating?

Another plank of the La Follette platform authorized the ascertaining of the value of the railroads. This plank was lost by a vote of 917 to 66, nearly 15 to 1, and yet President Roosevelt has advocated this very proposition. Here is a retreat on the railroad question.

Injunction Plank.

In another column reference is made to the injunction plank. The injunction plank adopted by the Republican convention is a retreat from the position taken by the President and from the position taken by Secretary Taft in his speeches, although neither of them went as far as they ought to have gone in their effort to prevent what is known as "government by injunction." Here is the third retreat.

The President has advocated the income tax as a means of preventing swollen fortunes and of equalizing the burdens of government. The Republican platform is silent on the subject. Was the President right in the position he took? If so then the convention was wrong in not endorsing him. Will the Republican voters follow the President in this just demand or will they follow the Republican organization in retreating from it.

The President advocated an inheritance tax but the Republican convention is silent on that subject. Was the President ahead of the Republican party in advocating this reform or has the Republican party receded from the President's position. Did the President give a false alarm on this question or has the party sounded a retreat?

Popular Election of Senators.

In the President's message to Congress last spring he presented an indictment against the conspiracy formed among the great lawbreakers to prevent the enforcement of the laws and to evade the punishment provided by law. The platform adopted by the Republican convention contains no intimation of danger. If there are any conspiracies,

the convention did not see them; if there are any combinations it had not heard of them; if there are any dangers, they are unconscious of them. Was the President mistaken when he issued his defiance, or are the Republican managers deceived when they think that an aroused public will calmly contemplate the encroachments of predatory wealth? This is retreat number six.

The convention by vote of 866 to 114—more than seven to one—voted down the plank in favor of the popular election of United States Senators. It is true that the President and Secretary Taft have never advocated the popular election of Senators. They seem to take the Hamiltonian rather than the Jeffersonian view, but the most popular reform in the United States today is the reform that has for its object the election of United States Senators by direct vote. It has five times been endorsed by the National House of Representatives—three times when the House of Representatives was Republican. It has been endorsed by nearly two-thirds of the States of the Union and there is probably not a State in the Union in which it would not be endorsed at a popular election and yet in spite of the record made in the houses and by the various States, this reform is rejected by a 7 to 1 vote in a Republican convention.

Seven Propositions Turned Down.

Here are seven propositions upon which the Republican party, in national convention assembled, has retreated from the position taken by that party in Congress or from the position taken by the President. What have Roosevelt Republicans to say? The President has awakened a spirit of reform within his party, he has at least revealed to the world that there are reformers in the Republican party. Can that spirit now be quelled by a standpat convention? Millions of Republicans have enlisted at the President's call to arms and are ready to march forward; will they furl their banners and turn back merely because the President acquiesces in the sounding of a retreat?

STALEY-MADDOX.

Marriage of Note at High Point—Surprise to Friends.

Last Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. S. T. Best, at High Point, Dr. A. P. Staley and Miss Kate Maddox were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few relatives and immediate friends, and was a surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties.

Dr. Staley is the popular jeweler of High Point, and is well known in Randolph. The bride is a daughter of Col. D. F. Maddox, and is a bright and attractive young lady.

Seized Another Mill.

Sheriff S. L. Hayworth and deputy C. A. Hayworth, assisted by officers of Randleman raided a blockade distillery one mile west of Sporo one night last week. A ninety gallon still was on the premises and had just been running. After destroying about 1500 gallons of beer and a quantity of meal the still was loaded on a buggy and brought to Asheboro where it was turned over to the proper authorities.

Sheriff Hayworth has made numerous raids recently and has cut up several equipments.

Byford—Every.

The following announcement of the marriage of Mr. Walter Byford, recently appeared in an English paper:

Marriage—Byford Every.—May 23rd, at St. Mark's, Kennington by the Rev. R. W. Slye; Walter sixth son of W. Byford, of Moutford Place, to Ada Maria, second daughter of G. Every, Brightlingsea.

Mr. Byford is the Private Secretary of W. G. Brokaw, at Fairview Park, this county.

Store Robbed.

The store of the Stout Company, at Olimax, was broken into Friday night by an unknown negro. Entrance was effected with an axe, by bursting open the front door. About \$20 worth of merchandise and a rifle were secured.

Jesse Durham, aged 15 years; was drowned in a pond at Hamburg, near Greensboro Saturday while in swimming.

Annual Piano & Outing Contest.

Monday, June 15th, the First Votes Were Cast—Workers Will be Awarded a Handsome \$400.00 Piano, Four Trips to Northern Cities—Other Liberal Prizes—Greatest Contest Ever.

A little more than a week ago The Courier started its annual Piano and Outing Tour Contest. Since that time many candidates have been enrolled and thousands of votes have been cast. Next week it is anticipated that fully three times as many votes will be cast for the young ladies who have entered. The interest in the contest is growing rapidly, and everyone is beginning to take notice as they see the contest notices become more active.

As a rule the contestants prefer the outing trips to the Northern cities, but all stand an equal chance at the piano. Besides the outing trips there are four scholarships offered, two sewing machines and four gold watches, and in winning any one of these prizes the contestants will be well paid, should they devote the greater part of their time from now until the contest closes, September 22nd, to working for The Courier.

There are many pleasures in store for the young ladies who win the trips to the North. These trips include railroad fare, board and other expenses necessary in fulfilling our guarantee of a pleasant and profitable trip for the winner.

No contestant should feel discouraged because she has not as many votes as some others, as there is still plenty of time and there will be voting later and you will be sure to get your share of votes, provided you make a sincere effort, and a thorough canvass among your friends and secure their renewed subscriptions where they are already subscribers, and where The Courier is not read, get them to subscribe for a year. This is an easy matter when you show the handsome premium magazine offer which we make, and tell them that for every dollar paid they will be given the Southern Agriculturist and American Farmer free for one year.

The quickest way to get votes is to present these premium offers to your friends and get them to subscribe for the paper. If you do this it will not be long before you have a large number of votes to your credit and you may be able to remain close to, if not in the lead.

Contestants who have not received sample copies of the premium papers which we offer may secure them by writing the Contest Department. They can also secure any information they desire and suggestions as to the best method of securing subscriptions and working their territory thoroughly, if they will request the contest manager to furnish the information.

Remember 400 votes will be given for each dollar paid on subscription, whether old or new subscriber, and an energetic canvass should be made at once, as it may be possible that a few number of votes will be given for subscriptions later in the contest.

Now that the contest is fairly on its way you should enter your name or that of your friend for one of the prizes today. There is a great deal to be gained in a contest of this kind, both in pleasure and experience, and those making an early start will have the best opportunity of winning the high prizes. People like to help those who help themselves, and if you enter now and enlarge your vote for a week to week those who are watching the contest will see that you are in earnest and will give you votes to help you. Get your friends out after votes for you. This is not to induce burdensome labor, for you will be surprised to see how easily the vote accumulates after a trial or two.

Prizes such as The Courier is giving away are not offered every day, as it means an expenditure of many hundreds of dollars.

When you ask your friends to invest in a year's subscription to The Courier, and thus, indirectly, for votes, you will not advise them to waste their money but to put it out at interest. The weekly newspaper is a great educator, and The Courier is so good enough to believe that as much can be learned through its columns as those of any newspaper published in North Carolina.

If you are already taking The Courier send it east or west. Randolph county and the Piedmont section of North Carolina have furnished the east and west with some of

their most responsible citizens and these friends will appreciate The Courier, which will keep them posted on affairs in the Tar Heel State.

Go to work today; if not for yourself, work for your friends, and in this way all will be mutually benefited. So far the contestants and their standing are as follows.

Table listing names and vote counts for the Piano & Outing Contest. Includes names like Pattie Smith (3,600), Fannie Newby (3,600), Blanche Spoon (2,800), Nannie Lambert (2,400), Coney Spencer (1,600), Fieta M. Parks (1,600), Barbra Keeling (800), Myrtis Pressnell (400), Alma Wrann (400), Ulna Rush (400), Gladys Peague (400), Pauline Wood (400), Bess Farmer (400), Virgie Pugh (400), Lala Green (400), Blanche Chrisco (400), Annie Fox (3,600), Ina Auman (2,000), Maude Bulla (2,000), Kate Phillips (1,600), Addie Hill (800), Jewel Allen (400).

THE DECISIVE BATTLE.

Democratic State Convention in Session at Charlotte.

The State Democratic Convention is in session at Charlotte as we go to press. The convention will nominate a full state ticket. Each of the three candidates for governor is sure of the nomination and their friends and supporters declare that they will stand by their leaders. All the members of the convention have prepared themselves for a prolonged fight.

Mr. Kitchen entered the convention in the lead, but Mr. Craig's manager declares that when the roll call begins Mr. Kitchen can not maintain his lead. Mr. Horne is quietly looking on but commands his force. He is sure no one will be nominated without his help and he hopes to work the convention down and then secure the support of one of his opponents.

As we go to press nothing has been done, and the outcome cannot be determined.

GOES IN HANDS OF RECEIVER.

Carolina Valley Railway Company and the North Carolina Electric Company in Litigation.

Yesterday on the application of Mr. W. T. Van Brunt before Judge Moore at Greensboro receivers were appointed for the Carolina Valley Railway Co., and the court named Mr. M. L. Jones and Mr. H. H. Hoyle as receivers. Their bonds were filed and the receivers took charge of the property at once.

The equipment of the road is valued at \$100,000 and the liabilities are \$65,000.

Special Train Service for the Fourth.

P. A. Mendenhall, agent for the Southern at Asheboro has been notified that the train leaving for High Point at 4 p. m., will be held until 5 o'clock on July 4th, to accommodate passengers along the line who attend the 4th of July celebration at Asheboro.

The Asheboro & Aberdeen railway will operate a special train from Biscoe on that day. It will leave Biscoe about 8 o'clock Saturday morning, July 4th, and returning leave Asheboro at 5 o'clock. One fare for round trip will be charged by the A & A.

Prominent Citizens Drowned.

Dr. John S. Bryan, druggist, of Spencer, and Thoe. Littleton, son of Dr. J. W. Littleton, of Albemarle, were drowned in the rapids at the Narrows in the Yadkin River near Whitney Sunday. While in bathing young Littleton ventured too near the centre of the great current and was overpowered. Dr. Bryan went to his assistance and both lost their lives.

Mrs. Chas. Ross, of Lillington, is a guest of her mother-in-law, Mrs. R. R. Ross. Mr. Ross spent a part of last week in Asheboro leaving Monday for Charlotte to attend the State Democratic Convention.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Isaac S. Tomlinson, an aged citizen of Thomasville, died Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Phillip S. Easley, of Black Walnut, Va., has located at Thomasville to practice medicine.

Hon. Wm. T. Crawford has been nominated by the Democrats of the 10th District for Congress. Resolutions endorsing Wm. J. Bryan for president were adopted.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Holt, of Burlington announces the marriage of their daughter, Bertha Harper, to Rufus W. Clark, Jr. of Detroit, Mich.

Isaac Jones Jordan, son of Capt. M. Jordan, of Vandalia, was married Tuesday to Miss Anna I. Carmack at Rehobeth M. E. church near Greensboro.

J. E. Foster, formerly of Ore Hill, now dispatcher for the Southern at Durham, was married May 29th to Miss Alpha R. Tatum, of Durham. The marriage was kept a secret until Tuesday of this week.

NEW PHONE LINE.

Independent Long Distance Telephone Co. Organized.

The Denton and Farmer Telephone Company has been organized with the following offices: E. H. Morris, Asheboro, president; Dr. C. C. Hubbard, Farmer, vice president; B. I. Harris, Denton, sec and treas. The executive committee: A. Ross, Asheboro; Sam Kearns, Farmer; J. T. and E. E. Sexton, Denton and Dr. Myers, of Fullers. The company has begun the construction of a telephone line from Asheboro to Denton, via Farmer and expect to open it to the public at an early date. Exchanges will be opened at Farmer and Denton, and the equipment will be first class.

The New Court House.

We note with pleasure that our County Commissioners have selected plans and bought a very desirable site in the business section of Asheboro for a new court house. We are informed that the court house will cost about \$25,000, which in our judgment, is not a cent too much, and that the building is to be modern in every particular. We beg to congratulate our commissioners on the very wise step. We believe their action will meet with hearty approval in all sections of the county.

We hope that in making disposition of the old court house the commissioners will be able to build a new jail, an improvement needed almost as badly as the court house.

Randolph, by reason of her thrift and progress is entitled in every way to just such a court house as we understand our commissioners have planned.—Randleman Times.

County Teachers to Meet.

The Teachers Institute or Summer School for the teachers of Randolph county will be held for two weeks beginning August 10th. The institute will be conducted by Prof. Coltrane assisted by Prof. O. Y. Wooley, L. L. White, of Jamestown; and K. S. McIntyre, of Carey. The institute will depart from the old program of lectures and instead class room work and the study of the text books in all the branches of the public school work will take the time of the institute.

New School Houses.

The County Board of Education will have six new school houses erected in the county during the summer. The new building are Antioch in Brower township; Dunn's Cross Roads in Union township; Hope-well, Cedar Grove; Longbranch in Asheboro township.

Additions will be built to the schools at Ramseur, Shiloh and Cedar Square. At Ramseur the building is being remodeled by the Board, assisted by the citizens, and the changes will cost about \$2000.

Teachers Assembly Elect Officers.

The North Carolina Teachers Assembly in session at Charlotte last week elected Prof. T. R. Foust; Supt of Guilford public schools, president; Prof. F. L. Stevens, of the A. & M. College at Raleigh, vice president and R. D. W. Connor, Sec. and Treas. The attendance was large and the addresses delivered by the leading educators of the nation, were most profitable.

THE GLORIOUS 4TH.

Saturday of Next Week An Eventful Day.

A GALA DAY FOR RANDOLPH COUNTY.

The Biggest Patriotic and Masonic Celebration Ever Held in the County Will Be Held in Asheboro Saturday, July 4th.

By Thursday of next week Asheboro will be prepared to receive the citizens of Randolph county at the biggest Patriotic and Masonic celebration ever held in the county. The celebration will be held on Saturday, July 4th and from every part of the county representative crowds will come to celebrate the Glorious Fourth, the birthday of their independence from the mother country and to enjoy the amusements that will be arranged for their benefit. This is now of your independence, lay aside business for a day, recall your youth and show your patriotism by joining in this celebration. The exercises will begin about 10:30 o'clock with a grand spectacular parade in which will be seen the most representative body of Randolph citizenship riding in carriages, on horseback and in curricula gayly decorated in flags and the national colors. In this parade will also be beautifully designed and handsomely decorated floats, representing the varied business interests of the town. This alone will be worth seeing.

The parade will terminate at the new graded school building where the annual Masonic address will be delivered by Rev. Chas. E. Maddry, of Greensboro. After the address the annual basket picnic for the members of the Order of Masons will be held. The basket picnic will be open only to the members of the Masonic Order, but the ladies of the town have arranged to serve dinner to the crowd of visitors at a lunch pavilion on the school grounds. A moderate charge will be made for dinner and refreshments and the proceeds will be forwarded to the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford. All bringing dinner may picnic on the school grounds but it is hoped that as many as possible will help the orphanage by getting dinner at the Orphanage Lunch Counter.

In the afternoon there will be ball games, races, etc. for the public amusement.

Township Marshals.

The following is a partial list of the marshals appointed to represent the various townships in the county in the parade:

- Union Township—R. O. Parks, C. W. Shaw, Harris Kirkhead.
- Back Creek Township—Ben Millikan, Byron Redding, Sam Henley, Ed Redding, G. C. McAlain, Fletcher Bus.
- New Hope Township—O. D. Thornburg, N. E. Thornburg, Mill Thornburg, Clegg Garner, Worth Garner.
- Asheboro Township—Clyde Lowdermilk, Mills Brown, Ellis Brown, Geo. Ross, Edg. Froe, Fred Hendricks.
- Grant Township—Ashley Smith, Will Glasgow, Carson Winnifield, Collier Winnifield, Millard Romble, Win. Brown, E. Allen, Oliver Heury.
- Cedar Grove Township—Herbert Howard, Ed. Lavelle, Jim Walker, Ross Vancannon, Enoch Vancannon, Albert Ross, John Bush, Grant Vancannon, Wessie Parker, Joe Lewallen, E. Tait, Gover Spencer, Roscoe Branson, J. T. Cox, Walter Miller.
- Coleridge Township—John Bray, Thos. Graves, J. T. Lambert, John Carline, M. C. Yow, C. M. Hayworth, T. A. Cox, John Willett, Chas. Brown, Gover Garner, Wessie Brown, Manley Cox, Oscar Williams, J. C. Allen.
- Concord Township—Milton Skene, Robt. Fuller, W. E. Keary, Jasper Surratt, Ernest Ridge, Ed. Mason, Paul Cameron, Wm. Horner, Wade Arnold, Joe Bingham.
- Brower Township—C. M. Tyeer, E. B. Leach, J. T. Mason, Jasper Suggs, R. K. Brady, Elmer Bird, Arthur Ward.
- Richland Township—D. A. Connelton, T. J. Ellis, Walter Pressnell, J. S. Black, L. A. King, F. H. Bean, W. E. Garner, Willie Yow, Bascom Lawrence, L. King, S. R. Alford, Edgar Bean, Donna Chrisco, O. M. Yow, J. J. Harper, Walter Davis.
- Columbia Township—Grady Pouchon, Geo. Kinney, J. A. Brady, Joe Surratt, Will York, Carl Brower, Rufus Burgess, Ballard Francis, Wesley Thompson, W. H. Watkins, Jr., Wessie Whitehead, A. B. Thomas, W. P. White, E. E. Leonard, H. C. Chisholm, Geo. Brower, Eugene York, Lonnie Stout.
- New Market Township—J. T. Wall, Lee Davis, Walter Davis.
- East Market Township—W. E. Stanton, Will Adams.
- Providence Township—W. S. Lineberry, Tyson Free, J. M. Fields, G. W. Fug.
- Liberty Township—John Curtis, C. R. Curtis, J. E. Cole, R. D. Patterson, O. T. Hatch, J. H. Johnson, Clay Johnson, Noddy Swain, Wade Martin.
- Franklinville Township—Hugh Parks, E. O. York, Daniel Frogson, Sam Connor, Frank York, J. J. Lane, W. F. Wynn.
- Pleasant Grove Township—Thos. J. Green, Carl Carline, Wm. Dorsett, Will Cox, W. D. Burgess, W. D. Coward, Wm. Hart, Joe Hart, Joe Parks, Rola L. Green, Roy Caviness, Chas. Parks.
- Trinity Township—Herb Tomlinson, J. W. Hill, C. W. Redding, Washington Boulding, Horace Barks, Earl Bulla, Chas. Parkin.
- Randleman Township—Jim L. Wrenn, J. M. Scarborough, W. P. Craven, J. E. Williamson, John Arnold, W. E. Spivey, Jim Johnson.
- Tabernacle Township—Sam Phillips, Sam Delt, Ben Morgan, George Purdus, John Hughes, Marcus Wood & Son, Jordan Skene.