

## THE STATE CONVENTION. WELCOME TO ASHEBORO!

### Meeting at Charlotte Without a Parallel in the History of Democracy's Past --- Remarkable in Every Particular.

W. W. KITCHIN  
FOR GOVERNOR.

#### After Three and a Half Days of Ballot --- Deadlock is Broken --- Enthusiasm Throughout --- Demonstrations Wonderful and Inspiring.

Accompanied by a great demonstration the deadlock in the Democratic State Convention at Charlotte over the nomination of a candidate for Governor of North Carolina was broken Saturday night by the selection of Representative William W. Kitchin, of Roxboro, who has represented the Fifth District in Congress for six terms.

The nomination was effected on the sixty-first ballot, after a contest lasting three and a half days. The convention at Charlotte was the grandest most spectacular meeting of the Democracy of North Carolina ever held in North Carolina. It was remarkable in every particular. The demonstrations were wonderful and inspiring, and this convention that broke all precedents will be one of the most memorable in the history of the Democratic party in this State.

#### The Convention Day.

There was considerable excitement Tuesday morning. At 11:15 the doors to the auditorium were thrown open, and the great mass of men, almost wild with enthusiasm, began to pour into the hall. The floor of the auditorium was reserved exclusively for delegates and supporters of the candidates admitted by tickets. The gallery in a few moments was packed, and the large platform was crowded.

The scene was inspiring, the artists having piled their skill with as graceful Israel as the ancient arkans of Israel, who adorned the Ark and the temple. Democracy could have had no more beautiful or comely place in which to hold its great council.

When ex-Governor Jarvis, the temporary chairman, and Mr. Hugh Chatham, the State Chairman, entered the platform shortly before twelve they received a tremendous ovation. Especially was "the grand old man of Pitt," a mighty champion of the successful prohibition cause, and one of North Carolina's ablest statesmen, applauded and cheered. It was but a brief interval before the building was crowded with between six and seven thousand persons, the grandest gathering of Democracy's sons ever seen in the State.

Then began the demonstrations without parallel in the history of the party. Each candidate for Governor received a lion's share. Each was given more than a giant's portion. All were proven worthy to lead the hosts of Democracy in the coming conflict. They were wise words with which Gov. Jarvis received the gavel from Chairman Clatham and in which he addressed the convention and a wise audience heeded them. But the bursting feeling of the delegates had to be given expression and there was vortex, whirlwind and tornado of shouting, cheering, applause and music. Everybody was keyed to the highest pitch.

Briefly, the work of the convention until midnight was perfecting of the permanent organization, with W. L. Parsons, of Richmond county, as chairman, and W. C. Riddick, of Raleigh, as secretary, and the nominating speeches. Kitchin was nominated by C. W. Tillett, of Charlotte; Horne's name was placed before the convention by T. W. Bickett, of Louisburg, while ex-Governor Aycock placed Craig in nomination.

The nominating speeches with the exception of that of Ex-Gov. Aycock placing Mr. Craig in nomination, were made in the afternoon and their effect was electrical. Mr. Tillett surpassed himself and Mr. Bickett made the hit of the convention.

Gov. Aycock spoke in the evening immediately upon the re-assembling of the delegates. The scene in the auditorium defied description. More than ten thousand yards of red, white and blue bunting, the Stars and Stripes, streamers, pennants, banners, scores of fantastic arrangements of electric lights, Japanese lanterns and picturesque decorative designs presented a vision of indescribable loveliness, but with the six and more thousand beaming faces, of whom more than one thousand in the galleries were handsomely attired women the scene was celestial, it was inspiring and Democracy was in heavenly places.

Governor Aycock stirred up and aroused the people as only his perfect, matchless oratory can; his words were fire, his hearers surged with combustible feeling.

The balloting began after the speaking and is familiar to every one. It continued long after day-break Thursday and about 7 o'clock, after the fourth ballot, a motion to adjourn was made.

The deadlock was on, and continued till Saturday afternoon, when Mr. Kitchin's advance was very perceptible. His gains were remarked upon Friday night. In the meantime there were many rumors of dark horses. The names frequently suggested were those of Major Steadman, ex-Lieut.-Governor Daughton, C. W. Tiller, Captain Thomas W. Mason, and Judge Armistead Burwell. The all-night session of Wednesday, the exhausting work of Thursday and Friday night, the all-day and night of it on Friday, and the strain of the ceaseless balloting on Saturday were nerve racking.

The gubernatorial deadlock was suddenly snapped after three and a half days of terrible strain and fighting of every inch of the ground when Col. Ashley Horne appeared in the convention hall and in a high toned and a timely, touching address, announced his withdrawal from the race.

Mr. Ashley Horne withdrew from the race at 6:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Mr. Horne's action in taking this step was due largely to his position relative to the deadlock in which his friends have labored for days and nights.

Upon the withdrawal of Mr. Horne the convention proceeded to take the sixty-first ballot, which showed that W. W. Kitchin was nominated governor by a vote of 463.59 to 381.72 for Craig, with a complimentary vote of 1.59 to Mr. Horne. Following the 61st ballot on which Mr. Kitchin was nominated the audience went into the greatest confusion, shouting, waving hats and handkerchiefs.

During this demonstration ex-Gov. Chas. B. Aycock appeared on the stage and in a brief, but eloquent speech moved to make the nomination unanimous which was carried. Speeches were made, following the nomination, by Aycock, Kitchin, Craig, and others and the event concluded with extreme expressions of good will and counselling harmony on all sides.

Mr. Kitchin expressed his entire belief in the people and in their help in carrying out the laws and legitimate enterprises of the State. He declared that a united State was the end to be sought and that he believed in a progressive right.

Mr. Locke Craig spoke of his allegiance to the party which as a great organization he feels obliged to. He thanked his friends most heartily for their support and declared that this loyalty of his friends outweighed the loss of the emoluments of the office which he sought



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and lost. He stated his determination to continue to fight for Democracy in the future as in the past.

The speaker received a big ovation as he stepped upon the platform and as he completed his address and stepped aside.

The convention then took a recess for forty-five minutes and reassembled at 10 o'clock. A motion was read and carried that nominating speeches for the rest of the ticket be limited to two minutes, and seconding speeches be dispensed with. The following names were offered for lieutenant-governor: W. P. Wood, of Randolph; Walter E. Moore, of Jackson; T. C. Bowie, of Ashe, and W. C. Newland, of Caldwell; W. F. Lee, of Haywood; F. W. Hargett, of Onslow.

Mr. Newland was nominated on the second ballot, receiving 481 votes.

The last ballot for Lieutenant-Governor was Newland 481; Wood 217 and Bowie, 159.

Gov. Glenn, Senator Overmyer, Senator Simmons and Maj. E. J. Hale were elected delegates at-large to the National Convention.

#### Monday's Session.

The present incumbent, R. R. Lacy, won the nomination Monday morning for State treasurer by a vote of 389. His opponent, S. A. Ashe received only 230 votes.

The four alternates on the National convention were chosen as follows: U. S. Parsons, E. F. Aydlott, J. W. Bailey and Julian S. Carr. On the first ballot Col. J. Bryan Grimes, of Pitt, the present incumbent, won the nomination for Secretary of State, receiving 603 votes. The candidate against him was W. P. Roberts, of Gates, who received 129.

Dr. B. F. Dixon, of Cleveland was nominated for re-election as State Auditor, the vote standing: Dixon, 572; F. D. Hackett, of Wilkes, 247.

Jas. R. Young, the present incumbent, was nominated by acclamation for insurance commissioner, and Hon. J. Y. Joyner was nominated by acclamation for superintendent of public instruction, the position he has filled so acceptably for the last six years.

There were four candidates for the position of attorney general as follows: Hayden Clement, of Salisbury; B. B. Winborne, of Batic; T. V. Bickett, of Louisburg, and John E. Woodard, of Wilson.

After several calls Mr. Clement withdrew and T. W. Bickett was given the nomination.

The other nominations are as follows: B. F. Aycock, for Corporation Commissioner; M. L. Shipman for Commissioner of Labor and Printing; C. C. Moore, for Commissioner of Agriculture. The platform was adopted Monday night and also a resolution providing that hereafter primaries shall be held throughout the State simultaneously.

After adopting the platform the convention adjourned.

#### BRILLIANT WEDDING.

Solemnized at the M. P. Church Last Thursday When Miss Boroughs Became the Bride of Mr. Thaddeus Ferree.

Asheboro, June 27.—Thursday afternoon, at 12:30 o'clock at the Methodist Protestant church in Asheboro was solemnized one of the most beautiful church weddings ever witnessed in this city—that of Miss Jessie Boroughs, to Mr. Thaddeus S. Ferree both of Asheboro.

The church was beautifully decorated in green and white; ivy, palms, ferns and cut flowers forming the principle decorations.

As the bridal party approached the church, Mrs. E. E. Kephart, in her charming manner sang "The Thought of You", and as the party entered, from the organ, presided over by Miss Coriana Auman, came the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, to which the party advanced to the altar led by the bride's maids by the right aisle and the groomsmen by the left. At the altar they took their position on the opposite sides. The brides, maid-of-honor—white sateen silk and lace, with pink crushed grilles and black picture hats, carrying bouquets of pink and white sweet peas; were Miss Annie Blair, and Edith Hendricks, of Asheboro and Miss Lela Farmer, of South Boston, Va. The groomsmen were Messrs Fred Hendricks, Ferree Ross of Asheboro and Chas. M. Fox, of Randolph. On the left side the maid of honor, Miss Esther Auman, a cousin of the bride, advanced to the altar followed by little Miss Lucile Scarborough, a flower girl, bearing a mass of basket of pink and white sweet peas, while on the opposite side the groom and Mr. Wm. L. Wyatt, of Raleigh, as best man, were preceded by little Miss Fern Ferree, as ring bearer.

Then on the left came the bride, leaning on the arm of her father, Register of Deeds J. P. Boroughs. The maid of honor wore white and pink figured silk trimmed in net and lace over pink, with a black picture hat and carried white sweet peas.

The bride was beautifully gowned in white messaline satin with lace and pearl trimmings. The long tulle veil was caught up with orange blossoms and in her hand she carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley.

The scene at the altar as the young couple stood under the evergreen arch just back of which stood the minister was one indeed beautiful. It was then that the beautiful ring ceremony of the M. P. Church was said by the happy young couple and in the presence of a large concourse of friends they were pronounced husband and wife by the pastor, Rev. T. M. Johnson and Rev. W. E. Swain, President of the North Carolina Conference.

During the ceremony "Simple Confession" was softly played by Miss Auman.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party retired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boroughs where a 2 o'clock luncheon was served and

### Celebrate Next Saturday, July 4, With Us. Masonic Rally, Address by Rev. C. E. Maddy, of Greensboro.

That Saturday, July 4th, will be celebrated in Asheboro on a great scale goes without saying. Everything is now in readiness and a happy day will be spent by all who visit Asheboro on that day. The people of the surrounding country have been the largest and without a doubt, the largest crowd ever assembled in Randolph county will assemble in Asheboro on the Glorious Fourth.

The merchants have begun to decorate their buildings in the national colors. The city will be turned over to the Masons and other visitors and our people will bend every energy toward making this a memorable day for the citizens of Randolph county.

In the morning those desiring to enter the parade will assemble at the base ball ground at 9 o'clock. The parade will consist of two bands, the members of the different lodges in regalia, decorated vehicles, floats by the business men, etc. Combined, they will present one of the longest and most imposing parades ever seen in this section.

The parade, which will be in charge of Chief Marshal W. A. Underwood and a hundred and fifty assistants from every township in Randolph county, will start from the base ball grounds between 10 and 10:30 o'clock. After traversing the town the line of march terminates at the Graded School, where the exercises under the auspices of the Masons will be held. This feature marks the Annual Masonic Rally.

Lunch counters will be located on the school grounds for the convenience of those who do not bring their dinners, and lunches may be secured at a moderate cost. The proceeds will go to the Oxford Orphanage.

During the afternoon amusement will be furnished at the base ball park. There will be a fast, snappy game of ball, races and other amusements. Asheboro and Besoco, two well-matched base ball aggregations, will contest for 10-0. The race program, which will follow the ball game, is as follows:

Foot Race—100 yard dash; 1st prize \$2 cash, W. J. Armfield; 2d, razor, Lewis, Winslow Hdw. Co.

Running High Jump—1st prize, rocking chair, Randolph Chair Co.; 2d, necktie J. L. Norman.

Wheelbarrow Race—1st prize, alarm clock, O. R. Fox; 2d, step ladder, Asheboro Wheelbarrow & Mfg. Co.

Running Broad Jump—1st prize, watch, N. P. Cox; 2d, watch and chain, Wood & Moring.

Potato Race—1st, \$1, McCrary-Reedling Hdw. Co.; 2d, razor, Lewis Winslow Hdw. Co.

Hurdle Race—1st, rocker, Asheboro Chair Co.; 2d, razor, Lewis Winslow Hdw. Co.

Sack Race—1st, rug, J. W. Jolly, 2d, cuff buttons, W. W. Jones, 3rd, broom, W. M. Hooker.

Egg Race—for ladies—1st, 2 yds ribbon, Miss Ballinger; 2d, cap, Miss Eugenia Taylor.

Catching the Greasy Pig—1st, 48 pounds Crown Patent Flour.

All persons entering the races should furnish their own equipment such as eggs, wheelbarrows, etc. Several entries for the races have already been made. The races will be held just after the ball game.

In addition to the list published last week, Chief Marshal Underwood has appointed the following

where Mr. and Mrs. Ferree received the congratulations of friends. The display of handsome and useful presents were an evidence of the high esteem in which the young couple are held in this section of the state.

Mr. Ferree is a young attorney and enjoys a good practice. He is highly esteemed by all who know him.

#### SPECTACULAR STREET PARADE.

#### Beautiful Floats, Splendid Driving Riggs, Athletic Sports of all kinds, Base Ball, Patriotic Speeches, Everything to Make the Day Pleasant.

to act as assistant marshals during the parade:

N. H. Ferguson, Randleman, No. 3; Garfield Millikan, Spero; Chas. Brown, Kemps Mills; E. H. Bean, Seagrove; Edgar Macon, Kemps Mills; A. M. Barker, Kemps Mills; Jake Miller, Lee Kivett, Dow Birkhead, Will Armstrong, Joe Betts, Carr Auman, John Vancannon, Sam Spencer, Ervin Cox, Gurney Free, Hugh Brown Clifford Cox, Elmer Yow, Walter Bauch, Homer Allen, Clarence Hughes, Clyde Laughlin, Basil Brittain, Clyde Syces, Fowler Birkhead, Ernest Auman, Baxter Rike, Clyde Caviness, Oscar Coffin, H. D. Allred, S. W. Kivett, Asheboro; S. F. Bingham, Mechant; Walter Branson, White House; J. M. Cooper, Holly; Thomas Hougham, Flora; A. G. Cranford, Oscar Cranford, Martha; J. M. Caddell, W. C. Stout, J. R. Kirkman, Rameau; J. N. Hulin, J. L. Giler, Worthville; Abe Hudson, W. C. Burrows, J. I. Coward, Franklin Jille; G. N. Hinshaw, Central Falls; J. O. Ellison, Liberty; J. T. Coggins, Sophia; N. T. Cox, Randleman; C. E. Farlow, New Market; R. W. Wall, Edgar; E. L. Tomlinson, Glenola; Hal Locke, Howard Harris, Jackson Creek; Madison Hammond, Farmer; J. T. Beck, Orando Chrisco, Kanoy; B. F. Brady; W. S. Garison, S. A. Hayes, Ered; G. W. Chard, J. E. Comer, Brovers Mills; A. R. Fesmire, Moffitt; M. E. Ashworth, R. F. Brower, Willis Bolling, J. C. Chisaco, Seagrove.

Each marshal will be given a red, white and blue ribbon streamer badge upon his arrival at the ball park, which will distinguish him in the mass of people who will throng the streets on that day. They are requested to meet the Chief Marshal at the ball grounds at 9 o'clock sharp, for instructions.

#### Masonic Rally.

The all Masonic Lodges of Asheboro and the visiting Masons will assemble in the lodge room at 9:30 o'clock. In a body the Masons will meet the speaker of the day at the depot at 10:40. The Masons will then join the parade and after reviewing the parade the speaker will be escorted to the Auditorium by E. Moffitt, Col. W. P. Wood and Wm C. Hammer.

The Auditorium Mayor Henry M. Robins will welcome the visitors and deliver to them the freedom of the town.

At this meeting a collection will be taken for the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford. This meeting will be one of the most interesting not only to Masons, but to all patriotic citizens ever held in Asheboro.

#### Cigar Factory Changes Hands.

The management of the Greensboro factory of the American Cigar Company has been notified that the plant has been sold to Seidenberg & Company and that the purchasers will assume control of the property July 1st.

The residence of Levi Brady at Prosperity was destroyed by fire recently. The loss is \$1200.