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Movements of Independence League Being Watched.

CAMPAIGN FRAUD BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

Campaign Matter Being Mailed in Franked Envelopes—First of Many Frauds to Be Expected of Republican Politicians in This Campaign.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 3.—The question that is harrowing the souls of the politicians is, how many votes can the Hearst party draw from the Democrats in the doubtful States, and how many Republican votes will the Prohibition ticket get in the same States?

It is quite a debatable question and will take the result of the election to answer correctly. In the well organized States, where both parties take a careful poll of the voters the managers will be able to arrive at an approximate solution. But such polling of the voters of each precinct unless done by competent men who know the voters is practically worthless and to do it well costs a great deal of money. It has been found by experience that volunteer work is very unsatisfactory, for while some men do the work well most volunteers do it in a careless and slipshod manner. It is easy enough to get the outspoken Democrats and Republicans and Prohibitionists and Socialists checked off on the poll list correctly, but to find out how the independent voter stands requires diplomacy and considerable assiduity. The secret of the success of Samuel J. Tilden was his ability for organization and his willingness to spend a large part of his fortune to create it. He knew just how every State stood and what voters it was necessary to reach in the doubtful States and how to reach them. He employed able men to do the work and the result shows that his political presence, founded on the facts they obtained for him, was accurate.

That he was counted out does not show that he was mistaken, for who would have believed that the Republican returning boards of Louisiana and Florida would be backed by bayonets to defeat the ballots of the sovereign people.

Our present leaders have been selected and possessing the wisdom and the ability to cope with present conditions, so let us give them every assistance to grapple with the Republican rascalities, that will far exceed, because they will be more universal, what the negro hirelings and carpet baggers of the Tilden era accomplished.

It takes money to organize and the leaders of today have not a Tilden barrel to draw from. The expense of a thorough organization and poll of the voters of the doubtful States is a perfectly legitimate use of money and the voters themselves and their descendants, who have seen the Republican party enjoy the usufruct that should have been theirs since Tilden's time, must themselves furnish the means to enjoy the estate they were defrauded of.

Therefore, the primary duty of Democrats is to contribute what they can afford to the party campaign funds. The real work of the campaign cannot move without money, so do not delay in sending your contribution, large or small, to Hon. C. N. Haskell, treasurer, National Democratic Committee, Auditorium Annex, Chicago, Ill.

Congressman Lloyd, Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee, whose headquarters are in this city, is quite confident that the Democrats will elect a majority of the next Congress. To do this twenty-nine or more districts now represented by Republicans must elect the Democratic candidate, and Mr. Lloyd confidentially expects to make these gains in the Central and Western States. Mr. Lloyd says:

"We will make gains in the House of Representatives from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and California; we will carry Montana. There will be gains of probably four in Ohio, where some of the districts are in fearfully bad shape for the Republicans, and are rapidly getting better. Iowa has four districts in which we stand an even chance or better to win. There are four in

Kansas that we expect to gain, and three in California, from which State the reports we receive are simply startling, indicating the turn toward Democracy on the Oriental issue."

The general opinion on the Taft speech of acceptance seems to be that it was of the "me too" variety, with a happy omission of the personal pronoun with which Mr. Roosevelt permeated his extensive remarks on "my policies." His fulsome praise of the President, however, stops short of approving new experimental legislation, but insists that "the chief function of the next Administration is to clinch what has been done." Mr. Taft puts off the income tax issue to a more convenient season, when the government needs more revenue; he apologizes for Republican extravagance and what is of most importance to Democrats he surrenders to the standstillers on the tariff issue and refuses to make extreme concessions to the Labor Unions. The speech is evidently intended to propitiate the business interests, if not Wall Street.

Another and more radical utterance that this week has produced is the platform of the Independence party, which promises everything, more than the Populist platform does on many issues, even a "Central Government Bank, through which the money so issued shall be put into general circulation," public ownership of public utilities including railroads and immediate purchase and operation of telegraphs.

The Hearst plan evidently is to absorb the Populists and the more radical part of the Labor vote, and if Mr. Hearst himself had been the candidate, there is no doubt that he would have received the support of a reasonable per centage of such voters. But the candidates selected by the Independence party are entirely unknown outside of their own State and it may be considered that the Hearst danger has passed. Voters as a rule are not given to throwing away their votes on unknown candidates or third parties. That is especially the case with the Labor vote, which is seeking relief through immediate legislation and can only get it through the success of the Democratic party, which has always been the friend of the wage earner, the farmer, and producer, and opposed to monopolies in every form.

The first of the political frauds that may be expected of the Republican politicians in this campaign has already been reported, and the evidence of it comes from Mr. Bryan's own State.

Campaign documents are being distributed through the mails in government envelopes without payment of postage, franked as follows: Post Office Department, P. O. Lincoln, Neb. Official business. No. 13.

In the opposite corner is the legend:

"Penalty for private use to avoid payment of postage \$300."

This fraudulent use of the official franked envelopes will probably be repeated in other localities. If such are received open in the presence of one or two witnesses and forward to the Democratic National Committee.

GREAT FOREST FIRE.

Thousands Homeless and 100 Dead in British Columbia.

The Crow Nest Pass country, along the Canadian Pacific railroad, in British Columbia, is swept by flames, fanned by heavy gale.

More than 100 lives are reported lost, 74 of them in the destroyed town of Fernie, and as hundreds of lumbermen and prospectors are scattered through the forests, with apparently little chance of getting out, the loss of life may be still more appalling.

Railroad property, including bridges and rolling stock, has been destroyed, and meager reports place the damage around Fernie at more than \$10,000,000.

The towns destroyed or in peril include Fernie, 3,000 inhabitants; Michel, 1,500; Sparrow, 2,000; Elko, 400; Olson, 130; Morrison, 300; Rosner, 400; and McGillivray, 100.

The fire started Saturday and the flames now cover an area of 100 square miles and is still beyond control.

T. L. Bland is preparing to erect a \$50,000 hotel at Rocky Mount. He now conducts the Cambridge Hotel at that place.



NORMAN E. MACK.

Chairman of the National Democratic Executive Committee, and subject of sketch on Fourth Page.

THROUGH THE WEST TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Story of the Interesting Tour of the West Made by Tar Heel Delegation While Attending National Convention of Democrats--The Home of William Jennings Bryan--Other Points of Interest Visited.

By R. R. ROSS, National Delegate, Asheboro, N. C.

Written for The Courier.

Thinking that it might be of interest to some of the readers of The Courier, I will give a brief report of my trip to Denver, Colorado, as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

I left home Wednesday afternoon July first. At High Point I met Mr. J. E. Kirkman, a delegate from the fifth district. We had to take the regular train to Salisbury to await the special. On this train we met Senator Simmons, who had come direct from Washington to join the North Carolina Delegation. In the waiting room at Salisbury we met Sena or Overman, Colonel Means, his wife and daughter Miss Minnie Ross.

Incidents of the Trip.

In due time the special train arrived, and each one was assigned to apartments as per previous arrangements for the trip. There were two Pullman coaches decorated with North Carolina flags, and each delegate wore a North Carolina badge, which indicated that he was entitled to travel in the special cars. Mr. Josephus Daniels, our national committeeman, was in charge, assisted by Mrs. Daniels who did everything possible to make the trip pleasant to the entire delegation. There were additions to our party at Statesville and again at Asheville. By this time we had a full delegation from North Carolina. Governor Glenn, who had been called to Washington on business, did not join us until we reached Denver.

Thursday morning we were sidetracked at Knoxville, Tennessee from seven until nine o'clock, giving us an opportunity to take breakfast in the city. Promptly at nine o'clock we resumed our journey. As the ride from Salisbury to Knoxville was during the night, this was the first opportunity we had of viewing the country, which at this place is rolling, but affords some very nice farming land. The wheat was harvested, and the corn looking fine. This section has been settled for a long time, and judging from the country houses, there must be considerable wealth there.

Train of Delegates via Washington Route.

Our clever and accommodating Mr. Robinson, who had been in charge of our special since the start, left us here, and we were given a new man furnished by the Burlington

Railway. We were sorry to give up Me. Robinson, but found ourselves well cared for by our new manager. We met the delegations from Florida, Alabama and Mississippi here, and as our train left the station, we were informed that we were on track thirteen and that there were thirteen coaches in our train. It is useless to say some felt a little nervous over this unlucky combination. Leaving the city, we traveled northwest up the river through a beautiful farming country, the crops, however, in this section did not look well as there had been excessive rains. We were again served dinner in the dining car. The delegates passed back and forth through each others cars, and made many acquaintances. All were en route to the same place, and for the same purpose.

Across Missouri.

Crossing the state of Missouri, we entered the southwest corner of Iowa. Reaching Omaha, Nebraska, Saturday morning we stopped one hour for breakfast. Here we found a beautiful city with all modern improvements, and a population of one hundred and sixty thousand. This city is surrounded by a fine farming section, and we were told that they had the largest creamery in the United States, and made more real cream butter than any place in the United States if not in the world. We met special trains here from Chicago, Philadelphia, and other points, on their way to Denver.

Home of the President

About nine o'clock we left Omaha and after riding for about one and one-half hours through a very beautiful country we arrived in Lincoln, Nebraska. We were met by a reception committee and shown to Lincoln Inn Hotel, a magnificent structure, thoroughly equipped with the latest improvements. We found the city beautifully decorated in national colors, with large pictures of W. J. Bryan in the windows of many business houses and hundreds of the residences. The committee arranged for street cars that took the North Carolina Delegation in a body to Fairview, Mr. Bryan's home, which is about four miles south of the center of the city. Mr. Bryan greeted the first of our party on the steps and invited us into his reception room.

He and Mrs. Bryan shook hands with each one at the door, calling many by name. Some of the party were anxious to see the farm, so a number of us went out to the barn where we saw the horses—some excellent roadsters and others well adapted for farm work. Around the barn were a number of hogs, and a variety of fowls. We went to the fields to see the cattle. The herd consisted of fine Jersey milkers, and some large red cattle, the stock name I do not recall. Dr. Mebane, one of our party from Rockingham County, selected a calf to be shipped to him at his home. We return through the orchard where the cherry trees were loaded with ripe fruit, of which many of our party partook. This is a nice country home. The buildings are not elaborate, but well built and conveniently arranged. We returned to the hotel and after about one hour we again resumed our journey. Lincoln is a beautiful city with about sixty thousand inhabitants, and up-to-date buildings.

To The Convention City.

We traveled southwest for two hundred miles through Nebraska in the finest farming lands that I have ever seen in any state. Almost all the wheat was in the shock, and acknowledged by all to be the thickest on the ground that they had ever seen. In this section there had been too much rain for the corn and it did not show up to so good advantage.

The manager of our train had arranged for us to get a dinner at Oxford, Nebraska, so we stopped there for one hour, and were given the finest meal of our entire trip. When we again resumed our journey it was dark, and here were many expressions of regret because we could no longer see the beautiful country.

When daylight came we were in a prairie. We were now within sixty miles of Denver, which place we reached at an early hour Sunday morning, having been on the road four nights and three days. We went at once to the Savoy hotel,

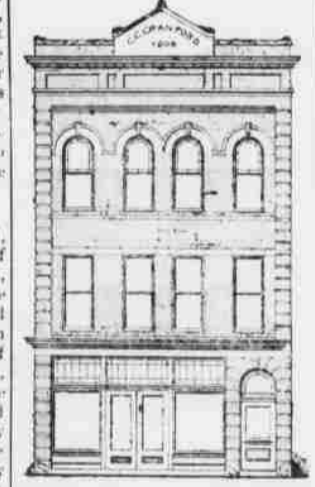
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BRICK BUSINESS HOUSES.

Contract Let for Still Another Tuesday--The McDowell Building.

Work is progressing nicely on the new Cranford building on Depot street under the direction of Contractor E. A. Younts, of High Point.

When it was announced that Mr. Cranford had let the contract for



this handsome building the plans for which were drawn by J. H. Hopkins, of Greensboro, and which will, when completed, appear as in the accompanying illustration, it was stated that other buildings would be erected on the adjoining property.

Recently it was announced that Mr. John Ward would erect a two-story building adjoining the Cranford building.

Thursday the contract was let by W. E. McDowell & Sons for a building to be known as that of Mr. Ward, making a handsome line of brick business houses on Depot street. The McDowell building will be glass front, two stories high. It will front 24 feet on Depot street, 64 feet on Market street and 100 feet deep. The plan was drawn by A. O. Redding, of Asheboro, and will cost about \$2,000.

The contract for erecting all of these buildings has been awarded to E. A. Younts, contractor, of High

EPWORTH LEAGUERS

Greensboro District Conference of Young People.

LARGE ATTENDANCE OF DELEGATES.

Inspiring Music, Enthusiastic Addresses and Papers Arouse Interest in the Work of Young People's Society--Adjourns Tonight.

The Epworth League Conference of the Greensboro District is in session at the Asheboro M. E. Church, South. Rev. A. T. Bell, of Greensboro, is president of the conference.

The conference opened with a social session and literary program by the Asheboro League Tuesday night. The attendance is large and the program promises one of the most interesting and instructive conventions ever held by this organization.

Tuesday night after the devotional exercises the literary program was greatly enjoyed. Some of the features were the address of welcome by Wayland Hayes and the response by Rev. O. P. Ader and Rev. A. T. Bell.

The other interesting numbers were: Recitation, 'The Two Cups, By Miss Maggie Davis.

Duet, 'Rock of Ages', by Mrs. E. E. Kephart and Miss Nannie Bulla. Recitation, by Miss Agnes Morning.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

The convention proper began yesterday morning. After devotional exercises, and enrollment of delegates, the committees were appointed for the conference. The following program was then carried out:

WORKING SESSION.

Reports of Senior and Intermediate Leagues. Address--'Difficulties in the Way of the Work'--Mr. Sherrill T. Lawler. Discussion--'The League in the Country.' Paper--'Influence of the League in College Life'--Mr. Fred C. Odell. Address--'The Brains of the League'--Rev. H. L. Owenly. Paper--'Music in the League'--Mrs. E. E. Kephart. Paper--'The Value of the Public Literary Meeting'--Mr. N. F. Marsh. Sermon--Rev. J. E. Thompson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions--Rev. V. E. Edwards. Reading of Minutes. Report of Boys' and Junior League. Paper--'The Value of Junior League Work'--Miss W. H. Moring. Paper--'The League's Duty to the Church'--Miss Emma Rens. Paper--'Spiritual Development in the League'--Rev. G. F. Kirby. Suggestions for the Devotional Meeting--Rev. E. R. Bell. 'League Organizations'--Rev. L. A. Falls. Address--'The Ground of the Preacher's Duty to the League'--Rev. O. P. Ader.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotions--Rev. L. A. Falls. Sermon--Rev. A. T. Bell.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotions--Rev. H. F. Starr. Reading Minutes. Paper--'The Charity and Help Department'--Mrs. E. J. Piper. Paper--'The League's Missionary Obligation'--Miss Florence Gray. Practical Suggestions for our Missionary Meetings. Address--'The Influence of the League on Society'--Rev. C. M. Campbell. Address--'How can the League Help the Laymen's Movement'--Dr. W. G. Bradshaw.

Symposium--'What has the League been to Me?'--Led by Rev. J. W. Lisle. Reports of Committees. Election of Officers. Session of Plans for Conference of 1909. Sermon--Rev. J. E. Woolsey.

A. T. BELL, President.

Self-Feeding Job Press.

J. E. Angell and A. H. Wood, of Madison, have secured a patent on a self-feeding job printing press which will prove of great value to the owners and will fill a long felt want in the equipment of a job printing plant.

Dr. Turner Made President.

At a meeting of the National Dental Association at Boston Friday Dr. V. E. Turner, of Raleigh, was elected president of that body. The next meeting will be held at Birmingham, Ala.

Point, and they are to be completed in three months. With handsome residences, handsome business houses, beautiful climate and her energetic and patriotic citizenship Asheboro's progress during the next five years will be marked.

Miss Esther Auman has returned from a visit to Wrightsville Beach.