

THE MINORITY REPORT

There be those who disagree on men and measures. It will always be thus so long as time lasts. Disagreement does not always indicate a desire to take undue advantage or promote selfish or personal interests.

The Wilson forces won by a majority of 216, yet nothing unkind was said against any presidential aspirant.

The most spirited contest was over the endorsement of what Governor Kitchin calls the endorsement of Senator Simmons. Seven of the ten members of the platform committee wrote the usual endorsement of the record of our Senators and Representatives in Congress and the administration of our State affairs by our Governor and other State officers.

A majority of the convention agreed with the majority of the committee. While it is true that some of the votes of our Senators and representatives in Congress do not meet with the approval of all Democrats, yet the general course of our Senators and Representatives in Congress is to be commended and should be approved.

There be those who have been disappointed in Governor Kitchin's course since his election as Governor. His campaign for Governor was made on an issue against "big business", and especially against the American Tobacco Company and other "interests."

Since his inauguration his conduct has been disappointing to say the least. It is claimed with some reason that he has not given the hearty aid to his friends who expected his co-operation along the lines indicated in his speeches before his nomination. The convention which nominated Governor Kitchin declared in unequivocal terms for the suppression of all forms of monopoly in unlawful restraint of trade, and declared that private monopolies should be destroyed.

Gov. Kitchin did not call upon the general assembly to carry out the provisions of the Democratic State Convention platform but told the general assembly that there were two courses Democrats could pursue, one was to carry out the provisions of the platform, the other was to refuse to show wherein the platform was wrong.

In the middle of Governor Kitchin's administration two years ago the State Convention declared "against all monopolies in restraint of trade and favored the enactment and enforcement in both State and Nation of such laws as will make their existence impossible."

Our Governor still failed as the head of the State government to lend his ability and energies in helping to bring about effective measures or means to suppress unlawful monopolies and combinations in restraint of trade. On the other hand he is quoted as saying that he was nominated on account of his personal popularity and not on his opposition to "big business". What encouragement has he given to make their existence impossible? Notwithstanding the failure of the Governor to stand up on this most vital and most important issue, yet his administration is to be commended along other lines. There has been no scandal. It has been clean and in the main economical and honest throughout. In a Republican tariff measure Senator Simmons did vote to keep the tariff in part on a Southern product, to-wit: lumber, a legitimate subject for a tariff for revenue measure. The friends of predatory interests were "piling up" protection on the prod-

ucts of the North and New England. Everything used in the manufacture of lumber was highly protected in the bill. Cannot our people excuse Senator Simmons this once, even if at variance with him? Has he not made a great record for his State and for the South? Even if he did in one instance get off the platform. When did Kitchin get on? Would it be well for Governor Kitchin not to run on his own record?

Yes, he voted for Lorimer, and Senator Simmons voted for Stephenson. Both voted as jurors upon evidence according to long usage and custom of the Senate. No one will pretend that either would be guilty, tried according to the rules of legal procedure, yet both may be guilty, and it may be should have been so found, but not on the legal evidence before the Senate. This is a great country, and while it is important that no man should retain his office who has obtained it by corrupt methods, yet it is equally important that no injustice be done a public servant to satisfy popular clamor, unless after investigation he is found to be unworthy. The question is, Shall the United States Senate abandon the rules so long followed in determining the right of a Senator to a seat. If these rules are abandoned and Senators are to sit not as jurors in a court then we believe both our Senators would have voted differently on the questions before them.

Yet the minority report distinctly recited that it did not dissent from the endorsement of Senator Overman, nor the endorsement of the Representatives in Congress. So John D. Bellomy and other speakers who presented the argument that the records of the Senators were at variance were clear off of the question at issue.

The minority report dissented from that part of the majority resolutions which endorsed Senator Simmons and Governor Kitchin, stating as a reason for such dissent that the majority report was an endorsement of Senator Simmons' course in Congress and that there should be no endorsement of Senator Simmons nor Governor Kitchin, as the matter of who should succeed Senator Simmons had been left to a primary. Yet the minority wanted to endorse the record of the Democratic party in State and nation. What would have this have been? As Governor Kitchin is at the head of the State administration it would have been an unqualified general endorsement of his public official acts. If Senator Simmons were President of the United States then the minority report would have given him equal endorsement with that of the Governor. The facts are that while Senator Simmons is at the head of the Finance Committee in the Senate, yet Senator Martin is the titular head of the Democratic party in the Senate, he being chosen leader.

While it is true that Senator Simmons is a prominent leader, yet he is only one of thirty-eight Democratic Senators and then there are more than two hundred Democratic members of the House. The acts of these Democratic members of the Senate and House constitute the record of the Democratic party in the nation.

As it is the minority report would have been so used by Governor Kitchin and his friends to the unfair advantage of Senator Simmons. And furthermore to fall to endorse the Governor and the State administration and our Senators and Representatives in Congress would have given trouble in every close county in the state, for the opposition party would have used it effectively against us that we failed to endorse the record of North Carolina Democrats in Congress and above all a State Convention failed and refused to endorse the administration of the record of the Governor and State officials.

Because Locke Craig scratched a ticket when a boy of 30 years, Governor Kitchin said four years ago Winston, of Bertie, was made pur-

Craig was not a Democrat, yet he was nominated unanimously by acclamation at the late State Convention for Governor. Craig was in the Governor's way then. Now Simmons is in the way of the ambition of our Governor. Shall we therefore stand him aside because the Governor says he is not a Democrat and has voted to protect a Southern product? Where has the Governor been? What has been his record? Let him run on that.

STATE CONVENTION

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Resolutions and Platform—A. D. Ward, of Craven. State Executive Committee—Nathan O'berry, of Wayne; T. D. Warren, of Craven; G. D. Canfield, of Carteret; George L. Patterson, of Sampson; W. B. Hargett, of Jones; W. B. Croom, of Pender.

The Fourth District. Credentials and Appeals—T. M. Arrington, of Nash. Permanent Organization—F. A. Hampton, of Nash. Vice-President—J. J. Bernard, of Wake.

Resolutions and Platform—W. D. Siler, of Chatham. State Executive Committee—R. H. Hayes, of Chatham; John C. Drewry, of Wake; Edward S. Abell, of Johnson; D. Y. Cooper, of Vance; J. R. Collins, of Franklin; J. P. Bynum, of Nash.

The Fifth District. Credentials and Appeals—H. G. Chatham, of Surry. Permanent Organization—Julius Johnston, of Caswell. Vice-President—Robert L. Holt, of Alamance. Assistant Secretary—A. M. Garwood, of Alamance.

Resolutions and Platform—J. S. Manning, of Durham. State Executive Committee—W. A. Devin, of Granville; S. C. Brawley, of Durham; S. M. Gattis, of Orange; J. J. Farris, of Guilford; C. H. Haynes, of Surry; F. L. Williamson.

The Sixth District. Credentials and Appeals—A. W. McLean, of Robeson. Organization—J. Baird Clark, of Bladen. Vice-President—D. J. Lewis, of Columbus. Assistant Secretary—J. H. Cowan, of New Hanover. Resolutions and Platform—J. O. Carr, of New Hanover. State Executive Committee—E. F. McCulloch, of Bladen; W. S. Cook, of Cumberland; H. L. Lyon, of Columbus; George H. Bellamy, of Brunswick; J. J. Furlong, of New Hanover; A. W. McLean, of Robeson.

The Seventh District. Credentials and Appeals—J. A. Lockhart, of Anson. Permanent Organization—Walter H. Neal, of Scotland. Vice-President—T. J. Robertson, of Wilkes. Assistant Secretary—R. F. Beasley, of Union.

Resolutions and Platform—W. C. Hammer, of Randolph. State Executive Committee—R. N. Hackett, of Wilkes; J. Reese Blair, of Montgomery; W. E. Brock, of Anson; B. A. McDonald, of Richmond; B. W. Parham, of Davidson.

The Eighth District. Credentials and Appeals—J. C. Fletcher, of Watauga. Permanent Organization—J. H. Burk, of Alexander. Vice-President—W. H. Gregory, of Stanly. Assistant Secretary—J. D. Bivins, of Stanly.

Rules—R. L. Ballou, of Ashe. Resolutions and Platform—J. A. Hartness, of Iredell. State Executive Committee—E. F. Coffey, of Watauga; J. P. Cook, of Cabarrus; J. R. Price, of Stanly; A. D. Watts, of Iredell; Walter Murphy of Rowan; A. S. Carson, of Alexander.

The Ninth District. Platform and Resolutions—Cameron Morrison, of Mecklenburg. Permanent Organization—C. E. Childs, of Lincoln. Vice-President—T. L. Craig, of Gaston.

Credentials and Appeals—J. Bisray, of Anson. State Executive Committee—Robert Claywell, of Burke; R. R. Ray, of Gaston; T. L. Kirkpatrick, of Mecklenburg; Edward Love, of Lincoln; Max O. Gardner, of Cleveland; J. B. Yount, of Catawba.

The Tenth District. Credentials and Appeals—R. L. Madison, of Johnston. Permanent Organization—J. W. Pleas, of McDowell. Vice-President—W. E. Moore, of Jackson.

Assistant Secretary—J. H. Caine, of Buncombe. Resolutions and Platform—J. D. Murphy, of Buncombe. State Executive Committee—C. A. Webb, of Buncombe; J. H. Dillard, of Cherokee; J. W. Ferguson, of Haywood; W. E. Breese, of Transylvania; J. C. Mills, of Rutherford; J. C. L. Bird, of McDowell.

The receiving of reports from the ten districts completed the business. When the convention met again the report of the committee on permanent organization was heard. Ex-Lieutenant Governor Francis D. manent chairman, and Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, permanent secretary. It was decided that there should be no speeches of nomination for offices not contested, except the Governor's. The permanent chairman made a short speech calling for action. As he sat down Governor Glenn arose and said, "I move that the convention proceed to the nomination of the next Governor of North Carolina."

Then the Hon. Felix E. Alley, of Jackson county, placed in nomination the Hon. Locke Craig, of Buncombe. After the speech a committee headed by Governor Glenn, was sent out to escort Mr. Craig into the hall. The nomination was accepted with all modesty amid deafening applause.

There was so little contest in the convention that the credentials committee had small interest. Unopposed Nominees. Ex-Congressman R. N. Hackett then read the list of the State officers who were to be renominated without opposition. They follow: J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State; Benjamin R. Lacy, Treasurer; Thomas W. Bickett, Attorney-General.

M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing. W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. W. A. Hoke, Supreme Court Justice.

A. W. McLean, of Robeson, was recognized to make a motion that the recommendation of the State Executive Committee, respecting the Senatorial primary be ratified by the convention. There was some objection raised, but it was shown that November 26 would be the second primary.

Then came the nomination of lieutenant governor. John G. Shaw of Cumberland, was named by J. Brunt Newton; J. D. Boushall, of Wake, by R. W. Turner, of Pasquotank; Walter E. Daniel, of Weldon, by Max Gardner, of Shelby; E. F. McRae, of Robeson, by H. E. Stacy; and E. L. Daughtridge, of Rocky Mount. Daughtridge won on the fifth ballot by a majority of more than two hundred.

Delegates to Baltimore Convention. Never before were there so many who want to go as delegates to the national convention. North Carolina will send 48 delegates to cast the 24 votes the state is entitled to in the national convention. The headquarters of the delegation will be at the Emerson Hotel.

A meeting of the delegation will be held at the Emerson Hotel on the night of June 24, to elect a chairman and sec. of the convention and name the North Carolina members of the various committees, and elect a North Carolina member of the National Democratic Committee.

Every effort will be made by National Committeeman Daniels and the delegates to care for all North Carolinians and secure tickets to the convention hall. No stone will be left unturned toward this end. North Carolina's delegates are: Delegates at Large Elected by State Convention.

W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte. R. W. McLean, of Lumberton. R. B. Glenn, of Winston-Salem. J. S. Carr, of Durham. W. C. Newland, of Lenoir. E. J. Justice, of Greensboro. W. C. Hammer, of Asheboro. E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville. W. T. Dortch, of Goldsboro.

First District. W. G. Lamb, of Williamston. L. L. Smith, of Gatesville. E. F. Aydtlett, of Elizabeth City. F. C. Harding, of Greenville.

Second District. W. A. Finch, of Wilson. A. S. Rascoe, of Windsor. W. G. Clark, of Tarboro. M. W. Ransom, of Littleton.

Third District. Nathan O'berry, of Goldsboro. E. J. Hill, of Warsaw. A. F. Howard, of Clinton. L. G. Daniel, of New Bern.

Fourth District. E. S. Abell, of Smithfield. R. B. White, of Franklinton. Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh. J. B. Ramsey, of Rocky Mount.

Fifth District. A. W. Graham, of Oxford. G. H. Hastings, of Winston-Salem.

V. S. Bryant, of Durham. C. H. Haynes, of Mt. Airy. Sixth District. O. L. Clark, of Clarkton. Jca. B. Underwood, of Fayetteville. H. C. McQueen, of Wilmington. A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton.

Seventh District. T. B. Bailey, of Mocksville. D. E. McQueen, of Sanford. J. R. Blair, of Troy. L. D. Robinson, of Wadesboro.

Eighth District. R. A. Doughton, of Sparta. Hayden Clement, of Salisbury. Dr. R. S. Young, of Concord. R. L. Smith, of Albemarle.

Ninth District. Chas. Brenizer, of Charlotte. Guy V. Roberts, of Marshall. W. A. Self, of Hickory. W. C. Erwin, of Morganton.

Tenth District. John C. Mills, of Rutherfordton. H. B. Weaver, of Asheville. Hugh Lovill, of Waynesville. J. H. Dillard, of Murphy.

The Majority Platform. The platform as submitted by the majority of the platform committee late at night is as follows: We, the representatives of the Democratic party, in convention assembled, reaffirm our devotion to the time honored principles of constitutional government, as established by the fathers of the republic, and to the still greater principles of human equality as proclaimed by Jefferson, with equal rights to all and special privileges to none, and hereby declare:

We favor an income tax. We favor the election of senators by a direct vote of the people. We oppose subsidies in any form. We favor publication of campaign funds both before and after primaries, conventions and elections.

Corruption in Elections. We condemn the corrupt use of money, or other corrupt means to influence voters in primaries, conventions and elections, and we favor the enactment of such criminal laws as will effectually prevent such practices.

Public Roads and Natural Resources. We favor the improvement of our public roads and highways, wise and reasonable drainage laws, and the conservatism of all our natural resources.

Pensions and Public Institutions. We favor and endorse the policy of the Democratic party in the pension of the Confederate veterans of the state and pledge our selves to a continuation of such policy.

We pledge ourselves to the continued development of the internal affairs of the state, to the maintenance of the institutions for the insane, deaf, dumb, and blind, and all other charitable institutions of the state, and to the extension and enlargement of these institutions to meet the demands upon the state, and the needs of the unfortunates, who require the care and maintenance of the government.

We endorse the policy of the Democratic party of the state in its support of the educational institutions of the state, and we pledge ourselves to as liberal appropriations for the support, upbuilding and development of such institutions as the finances of the state will permit.

We believe education to be one of the fundamental needs and chief functions of all government. We believe in the inherent right of every child to an equal chance to develop through education, every power within him for citizenship a service, and in the duty of the State to place adequate opportunity for such development within the reach of every child.

We reiterate to the people upon the fulfillment of the pledge of the Democratic party for a four month public school in every district of the state, upon the building of more adequate school houses in the school districts of the state, and upon the educational progress made under the administration of the Democratic party. We favor the continued support and increased efficiency of the public school system in the state, and the enlargement of the opportunities of the children of the state to obtain an education and we favor an increased length of public school term as fast as possible. We favor proper provisions for such instructions in the public schools as will foster an interest in country life, and furnish better preparation for more profitable farming and more comfortable living in the country.

Control Public Service Corporations. The control and supervision of public service corporations is a well recognized right of the State and national governments, and we pledge ourselves to the enforcement of this right in the interest of the people of the state, consistent with

fair and just treatment of the public service corporations, and no public service corporation shall grant any special privileges or other favor, to any person or corporation. Trust and Monopolies.

We are opposed to, and demand the suppression of trusts and monopolies, and favor the enactment of such laws in both state and nation, with such necessary machinery and powers, as will make their existence impossible. We believe that guilt is personal, as well as corporate, and we demand that all anti-trust laws be enforced both by the civil and criminal processes of our courts.

Tariff. We denounce protection as a robbery of the many to enrich the few, and we favor a tariff limited to the needs of the government, economically administered, and so levied as not to discriminate against any industry, class or section, to the end that the burden of taxation shall be distributed as equally as possible.

We favor a revision and reduction of the tariff to a revenue basis by the friends of the masses and for the common weal, and not by the friends of its abuses, its extortions and its discriminations, keeping in view the ultimate end of "equality of burden and equality of opportunities" and the constitutional purpose of raising a revenue by taxation, to-wit: the support of the Federal Government in all of its integrity and virility, but in simplicity.

Endorsement of State Administrations and Senators and Representatives in Congress. We heartily endorse the record of our senators and representatives in the congress of the United States, and the administration of our State's affairs by our Governor and other State officers.

We have faith and confidence in the intelligence and patriotism of the people of the state, and in the ultimate development of our unrivaled natural resources, and we call upon all North Carolinians to unite in one common effort to continue in power the administration of the party under whose government the state has made such rapid strides and development since its advent to power.

Minority Report. The minority report of the platform committee was as follows: We endorse the record of the Democratic party in State and national affairs. This was submitted by a minority of the committee on platform resolutions, consisting of Congressman Claude Kitchin, of Halifax; Hon. J. S. Manning, of Durham, and Mr. R. S. Neal, of Beaufort. There are ten members of the committee.

Worthville News. Worthville, June 11—Our town is preparing to celebrate the fourth of July on a big scale this summer. Miss Bessie Williamson returned home last Sunday from Laurens, S. C., where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Trogdon. Bob Prevost spent Saturday and Sunday here leaving Monday for Chapel Hill, where he will attend summer school.

C. W. Hilliard, W. T. Wrenn, and J. C. Hill, of Cedar Falls, attended the funeral services of Mrs. Myrick last Sunday afternoon. L. S. Gray is right ill at this time. The M. P. Sunday School will observe "Mothers' Day" next Sunday beginning at 10:45 a. m.

C. J. Williamson, of Greensboro, was in town on business one day last week. Saturday for Chapel Hill to attend the University summer school. J. L. Wrenn is attending the Grand Lodge Meeting K. of P. at Wrightsville Beach this week.

Spero News. Our people are busy harvesting. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lamb, of High Point, are spending a few days with relatives and friends at this place. J. M. Cross, of Asheboro, spent last Saturday and Sunday with D. W. Milkan. Ed Robbins, of Randleman, was in town last Saturday. Clarence Trotter spent Sunday in Worthville.

Frank Cox, of Back Creek, visited in town last Sunday. Levi Harrington left last week for High Point where he has a position. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lamb, of Randleman, are spending some time with relatives in Spero. John Willett, of High Point, spent Sunday in town.

F. J. Bulka and son spent Saturday in Asheboro. Clark Cox, of Asheboro, was in Spero one day last week. Mrs. M. L. Davis and Mrs. Cranford, of Asheboro, were visitors in Spero one day last week.