

Why Democratic Organization Went West

(From The Dunn Dispatch)

The Dispatch feels that the fortunes of the State were not at stake in the choice of the two women to represent the Democratic party, the one upon the National Committee and the other upon the State committee. The West has captured the whole party official leadership. Yet the Eastern Democracy will survive the slight. However, this paper would be somewhat delinquent if it should fail to point out the disloyalty, or lack of loyalty, on the part of the East's two chief representatives in officialdom, also that of many of the eastern newspapers, whose loyalty to the secretary of the press association outweighed that to the interests of the tens of thousands of eastern Democrats.

There were two vacancies to fill by the State Democratic Executive Committee, which met in Raleigh last night. The first was that of the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Palmer Jerman as National committeewoman; the other was that of the vice-chairmanship of the State Committee, recently vacated by Mrs. Thos. O'Berry. There was little, or no, question that Mr. Winborne of Marion, in the far west, would be re-elected chairman. Already C. L. Shuping, of Greensboro, held the position of National Committeeman assigned to the male half of the party. Yet in the west loomed as candidates for the two positions, in the order named, Miss Beatrice Cobb, Morganton editor and long secretary of the North Carolina Press Association, and Mrs. C. W. Tillett, Jr., of Charlotte. Miss Henderson, recently located at Chapel Hill, represented the central area by residence. Mrs. Marshall Williams, of Duplin, was the eastern candidate to fill Mrs. Jerman's place.

Eastern Editors Rally to Miss Cobb
This newspaper, despite its admiration for Miss Cobb, unhesitatingly championed the cause of Mrs. Williams and the clear rights of the east to representation upon the National Committee. It was not so much concerned with respect to the minor position, yet aware that a fair division of the representation would give the east the position. Many of the eastern papers unqualifiedly championed the candidacy of Miss Cobb.

It was natural that Miss Henderson, with the strong backing of many influential friends, would secure a portion of the support which otherwise would go to Mrs. Williams. It so resulted. The first ballot for National committeeman gave Miss Cobb 51, Mrs. Williams 39, Miss Henderson 56, and Mrs. McKee 5. After the second ballot the name of Miss Henderson was withdrawn and the contest lay between Miss Cobb and Mrs. Williams.

The Defection of the First District Representatives.

With the field thus clear, the final vote, which elected Miss Cobb, stood 68 for Cobb and 53 for Williams. Only six votes more for Mrs. Williams would have given her and the East the honor. And those votes were the possession of the representatives of the First Congressional District, from which our Governor Ehringhaus comes, and where his influence is all-powerful. The defection of the First District members of the committee, then, may be justly charged with the failure of the East to secure any representation upon the National committee. But why the defection? Why the surrender of the East's just right to that representation?

The Milk in the Coconut

The explanation seems all too easy. Mrs. Williams was a supporter of R. T. Fountain for the governorship against Governor Ehringhaus. This paper has more than once expressed admiration for the Governor's disregard for political alignments in making appointments, and is surprised to find that the Ehringhaus influence in this case affecting the rights of not one Eastern woman but of all Eastern Democrats should be used as the deciding factor in the choice between a western and an eastern candidate and in favor of the western woman. By the grace of the committeemen of the first district, the West holds both

positions on the National Executive Committee, and the reason therefor seems only too apparent.

The Attitude of the Senators Contrasted.

The third weighty influence in Miss Cobb's favor was the activity of Senator Reynolds in behalf of his western candidate. Bob Reynolds put his heart and energies into the effort to elect Miss Cobb. Again his ear was brought into requisition and he scoured over eastern Carolina seeking votes for the newspaper woman. The telegraph lines also bore the Junior Senator's pleas to committeemen in the east and to other influential Democrats. But where was Senator Bailey while Senator Reynolds was thus exerting his powerful influence to give the entire representation on the National executive committee to the west? Instead of fishing for votes for his eastern clientele he was fishing—yes just fishing. Nobody knows how our Eastern Senator stood, unless he whispered it to the coastal hinky tribes.

Following the election of Miss Cobb as National committeeman, the committee next completed the transfer of the complete organization of both

Price Deserves The Promotion.

While among the aspirants for the successorship to Major Matt Allen as a member of the Industrial Commission are several other friends, the writer feels that E. W. Price, chief clerk to the commission is both qualified for the position and deserves it. We feel that Mr. Price is one of the most thoughtful men in the State. It was he who, last year, in the State's Voice, so vigorously advocated the government's assumption of the use of the people's reservoir of credit, which

committees to the West by electing Mrs. C. W. Tillett, Jr., of Charlotte as successor to Mrs. O'Berry, and by the re-election of Chairman Winborne. Nevertheless, all the politics and near-treachery to the eastern Democracy secured the position for the western candidate for National committeeman by the comparatively slight majority of ten. A change of five votes would have elected Mrs. Williams—and the First District had those votes but chose to cast them at the dictate of personal politics rather than in the interest of the Democrats of Eastern North Carolina.

had been so long employed for the enrichment of the banking fraternity. The Nation is just now awaking to the fact that there is such a reservoir and that it can be used marvelously for the benefit of its creators.

A Broad Difference In Philosophies.

In another article we have incorporated part of the address of Dr. R. B. House. In Dr. House's address we find peace and plenty predicated upon spiritual redemption. Now read the dictum of Italy's Mussolini, who told his soldiers that the political, economic, and spiritual life of the nation of Italy should be based on its military necessities—which statement has led the Christian Science Monitor, and would lead Dr. House, to report: "But if a nation's life were based upon the spiritual, would there be these grave military necessities?"

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