

T.P.A. DELEGATES MIX MIRTH, MERRIMENT AND MATTERS OF MOMENT ON THE FIRST DAY

Twentieth National Convention Opens Auspiciously After Lively Parade. Gov. Kitchin And Hon. Locke Craig Deliver Addresses Of Welcome. President Gray Responds

BUSINESS OF FIRST SESSION WAS RECEIVING REPORTS

Delightful Social Affairs Interspersed Throughout Day And Evening Provided Entertainment For Visitors And Hosts

Welcomed by Governor Kitchin, of North Carolina and by Mayor John A. Campbell through his spokesman Hon. Locke Craig, the T. P. A. members and ladies are here, and Asheville, which was formally delivered to them by the mayor...

Yesterday came in clear and pleasant and all the flags of gorgeous hue and the bunting that swayed in the breeze made a pretty sight to the thousands who thronged the streets to see the visitors...

At night the streets were thronged with visitors and townpeople and everything was carnival-like under the long spans of the thousands of incandescents which string cross on the streets and center on the lofty lamp posts...

The rain which set in during the late afternoon spoiled the outdoor entertainments and made the parks at night damp and undesirable places to visit...

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TODAY'S PROGRAM. 9.30 a. m. Business session. 11 a. m. Ladies' card party. Manor. Albemarle Park. 3.30 p. m. Business session. 9.30 p. m. Convention ball, Battery Park hotel.

The assembly was called to order by Chairman F. R. Hewitt, of the local executive committee who is also president of the North Carolina division and he introduced Rev. Gilbert T. Rowe, pastor of Central Methodist church, who delivered the invocation while the audience stood...

Governor Kitchin Cheered. Governor William Walton Kitchin, and the chief executive was greeted with a roar of cheers. Handsome, of pleasing presence and an orator of note, Gov. Kitchin at once captured the attention of the delegates...

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Mr. Craig's Address. Mr. Chas. G. Lewis, of Asheville, introduced Hon. Locke Craig, who is representative of Mayor John A. Campbell, who sat on the stage, well known to the convention on behalf of Asheville...

MEASURE UP TO FULL STANDARD OF LIVE BUSINESSMEN

Convention Delegates Represent Wide Awake Interests of Country

FIGHT FOR VARIOUS OFFICES TO BE LIVELY

Most Strenuous Contest In Prospect Is For The Position of Secretary

Leaving out any tendency to exaggerate, it is stated on good authority that there were yesterday between 1500 and 1600 T. P. A.'s and members of their families...

Election Wednesday. Officers will be elected Wednesday and some warm contests are expected over the place of secretary, who is elected each two years...

Sketches of Candidates. Mr. LeBeau has been secretary continuously since the organization of the T. P. A. Until required by the growth of the association to give his entire time to his affairs...

Medals Awarded. Indiana drew many gold medals awarded yesterday for securing new members during the year and Post Q of New Albany was awarded a big proportion of these...

Marshall, My Maryland. Marshall won a choice delegation accompanied by a number of ladies. In the party are: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McLannahan, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mackall, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Baer, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Pettit, Master Maynard Pettit, Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Stewart, Master Harold Stewart, Mr. Beverly Stewart, Mr. H. M. Daneker, Mr. Don Colgate, Mr. H. L. Bennett, Mr. J. P. ...

Every Day Will Be Sunday Bye And Bye



News Item—The Public Schools Close June 9.

TRAVELERS TRAVELED THROUGH STREETS MID CHEERS OF THrong

Parade Yesterday Was Biggest and Best in History of City—Civic, Military and Fraternal Organizations and Southern Railway Men Marched to Music of the Bands.

Travelers Traveled. The T. P. A. parade yesterday morning was the biggest and best Asheville has known. Through the streets lined with thousands of people from city and country, packed in dense masses on the sidewalks all along the route...

to pause while its end cleared the road. It served as a demonstration of the warmth of the city's welcome and of the pleasing personnel of the visitors within its gates.

Carriage with Governor and Mrs. Kitchin and President and Mrs. Henry O. Gray. Carriage with Mayor Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, Locke Craig and Mrs. Craig. Carriage with Assistant Adjutant General Williamson, Major J. M. Campbell, Major White G. Smith and Mr. F. R. Hewitt.

OLD SOLDIERS WEPT AS COMRADE LEFT TO FACE SUPREME COURT'S IRE

Ex-Sheriff Shipp and His Deputies Now Awaiting a Sentence for Contempt.

PATHETIC SCENE

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, May 31.—Former Sheriff J. F. Shipp, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and his five co-defendants, who were cited by the Supreme court of the United States to appear before it to receive sentence for contempt of court in connection with the lynching of the negro Johnson, reached here early today. Shipp's associates are Jeremiah Gibson, Dick Nolan, Henry Padgett, William Mays and Luther Williams. The men say that they will be in court promptly tomorrow.

PRESIDENT ASSISTS IN UNVEILING OF SHAFT TO UNION REGULARS

Dickinson Presents It to Gettysburg Commission on Behalf of Congress.

MISS TAFT DREW CORD

(By Associated Press) GETTYSBURG, Pa., May 31.—This was the day of early honor to the "regular" at Gettysburg. An imposing shaft of granite, erected by congress to the memory of those of the regularly called forces who fell in the three days of fighting about Round Top and the Bloody Angle, was unveiled by the president's daughter, Miss Helen Taft, while President Taft himself paid tribute to officers and men of the United States army past and present.

STRIKING FIREMEN AND RAILROAD OFFICIALS REACH NO AGREEMENT

Federal Officials Give Up Attempt to Reconcile Warring Parties.

ARBITRATION NEXT

(By Associated Press) ATLANTA, Ga., May 31.—Unable to agree upon the terms of settlement, the officials of the Georgia railroad and of the Brotherhood of Firemen have invoked arbitration under the Erdman law. It was nearly seven o'clock tonight when Commissioner of Labor Neill and Chairman Knapp of the Interstate commerce commission reluctantly gave up the battle to bring the warring elements together.

Advertisement for SHOWERS, featuring a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman.

SERIOUS WORK OF CONVENTION WILL BE BEGUN TODAY

At Yesterday's Business Sessions Reports of Committees Were Heard

EXCELLENT REPORTS FROM ALL OFFICERS

Growth of Organization In Past Year Shows High Standard of Its Management

The first business session of the convention was held in the afternoon. For the larger part, it was merely a preparation for the work that is to follow, beginning this morning at 10 o'clock. An hour was devoted to passing on credentials and organizing the convention.

The report of the committee on rules, the secretary's report of the last convention, and reports of the president and national board of directors were read. The reports of the committee on special legislation and railroads was the next in order but on account of the late hour the convention adjourned shortly before six o'clock and made these reports a special order for today.

The secretary's report of the last convention was read and adopted, though the reading of few paragraphs sufficed. Charles Yellman of Indiana, who possesses a wonderful megaphone like voice was chosen to read this report and make other announcements during the session. What looked at first like a clash between the president and W. O. Hudson of the national board of directors occurred when Mr. Hudson declared a statement in President Gray's report untrue and demanded that it be corrected. A reference to the secretary's records showed Mr. Hudson to be in the right and the president consented to the correction. The objectionable part was to the effect that an attorney had been chosen by the national board of directors and dismissed a month later because it was believed that a younger man could fill the place more efficiently. The record showed that the change had been made at a later meeting of the board.

President Gray's report outlined the work and growth of the association since the last meeting, showing the increase in membership to be 1477 making a total membership of 39,264. Relative to the financial side of the year's work, the report said: "We have paid an indemnity to our members more claims and also for a larger average amount than in the previous year. Notwithstanding this fact we have on hand larger cash balance than we had in 1908. To be more explicit I will state that at the end of the fiscal year 1908 we had paid 1820 claims and at the end of the fiscal year 1909 we had paid 1907 claims, and had on hand a cash balance of \$4,211.36 more than in 1908. In the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1909, the number of applications accepted was 6,521, while the applications accepted in the year ending April 30th, 1908, was 6262, showing a net loss in the number of applications written of 158. Notwithstanding this loss in the number of applications written, it is gratifying to report that there were 128 lapses less in the year ending 1909 than in the year 1908."

At the last convention, stated the report, it was decided to change the official magazine from a monthly to a quarterly which has resulted in considerable saving. But since then, the postal authorities have barred it from the postal rate list, requiring that a rate of one cent for two ounces be paid unless advertising is discontinued.

The report advises that the president be authorized to appoint a committee to investigate the facts in connection with this and report at a later time during the convention. Mr. Gray highly complimented the work of George W. Smith, chairman of the Board of Directors, and Louis T. LaBeau, for nineteen years secretary of the association. Tribute to the Dead. Referring to the death of Willie A. Kitchhoff, which occurred since the last meeting, and filling his place, Mr. Gray said: "Since our last national convention, and although in his infinite mercy has seen fit to call from among us our good friend and brother, Willie A. Kitchhoff, and his will we must not question. I wish that I had the vocabulary to do justice to this good man, as his virtues were infinite and his faults few. There has never been a man in this association that has been as well known and generally beloved as 'Billy' Kitchhoff and it will be a long, long day before we find one that has all the capabilities to fill the position that he filled, with..."