

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON THE SIXTH DISTRICT MATTER.

Following is the text of the report of the Special Committee on the Sixth District matter:

Hon. A. H. Eller, Chairman State Executive Committee Democratic Party.

Sir: Your committee, appointed under a resolution passed by the state democratic executive committee, August 1st, 1910, to investigate and report upon the conflict, within the party, in the sixth congressional district, beg leave to submit the following report:

The members of the committee, designated as chairman by you, sent out a request to the two gentlemen who claimed to be the nominees, to the chairmen of the two conventions, to the secretaries of the two conventions, and to the chairmen of the two executive committees appointed by the two conventions, requesting them to meet with your committee at 10 o'clock a. m., Friday, August 12th, 1910.

At this hour T. J. Jarvis, C. B. Aycock, A. C. Avery and T. F. Klutta met. The other member, R. A. Doughton, wrote that he was unavoidably kept from attending. The committee organized by continuing T. J. Jarvis as chairman, and appointed T. F. Klutta as secretary, and proceeded to consider the scope and manner of the investigation. The committee thought it best to hold their sessions in private and to admit and hear but one person at a time; and this was the method of procedure.

On Friday morning, at the appointed hour, at the Seashore Hotel, the committee began the hearing which was continued till a late hour that night and resumed it Saturday morning and continued till late that afternoon. The persons named in the notice to appear, and such other persons as either contestant desired, were heard, and every phase of the controversy was fully investigated. After all persons had been heard, the committee proceeded to consider and determine the several inquiries submitted to them by the state executive committee, as follows:—

First: "Whether the committee has jurisdiction in the matter." The committee answers this inquiry: "Yes."

We are of the opinion that the state committee, not only has jurisdiction, but that in the orderly conduct of any campaign, it is bound to determine who are the legitimate candidates in each district whose names are entitled to go upon the ticket, and who are entitled to the aid of the state committee and the support of the democratic press and voters of such district. The committee must also determine who constitute the proper executive committee of the district, with which to communicate and work during the progress of the campaign. So we hold, the state committee cannot avoid the jurisdiction, if it would, without an inexcusable neglect of duty, and without abandoning its party organization in the sixth district.

The second inquiry submitted to this committee, is whether, either Mr. O. L. Clark or H. L. Godwin was duly and lawfully nominated. The answer of the committee to this inquiry is that neither Mr. O. L. Clark nor Mr. H. L. Godwin was duly and lawfully nominated.

ground that it appeared on the face of the credentials of the delegates from that county that the delegates were appointed by the chairman of the convention, and not elected by the convention itself. After a long and angry discussion the chairman said that he would sustain the objection, and hold that neither Cumberland nor New Hanover was represented in the convention, for the reason that the credentials of the delegates from each county, as shown upon the face of those delegates, were appointed by the chairman of the convention (but by authority of the convention), and not elected by the conventions themselves. This ruling of the chair brought a long and angry debate, but the chair persistently held to his ruling. An appeal was taken from this ruling, which was never put to the convention. A recess of two hours was taken, and at the end of this recess, Mr. Bellamy again took his seat as presiding officer and rapped for order. But in the meantime, during the recess, the secretaries of the two conventions, of the executive committee got together, Mr. Bellamy being notified by one of the members to attend, but he was not told what for. Mr. Bellamy did not attend, and those present proceeded to depose him as chairman of the executive committee and elect Mr. Springer in his place. When Mr. Bellamy called the convention to order, after the recess, Mr. T. A. Lyon mounted a table in front of Mr. Bellamy and read the proceedings of the executive committee, deposing Mr. Bellamy and electing Mr. Springer as chairman. Thereupon Mr. Springer mounted the table in front of Mr. Bellamy, and claiming to be the rightful chairman by virtue of the action of the members of the executive committee, commanded order, while Mr. Bellamy, who sat just behind him still protesting that he was the rightful chairman, demanded that the party organization be respected and obeyed. The Godwin delegation refused to recognize Mr. Springer as the rightful chairman of the convention and protested against his action. Then a wild scene of confusion ensued. About this time uniformed armed policemen from the city of Wilmington, in response to an appearance in the hall, and at the command of Mr. Springer, compelled some of the delegates to take their seats. Some order being secured, the anti-Godwin delegates from the different counties proceeded to organize their convention, and in doing so, added to the hall, and at the command of Mr. Springer, compelled some of the delegates to take their seats. Some order being secured, the anti-Godwin delegates from the different counties proceeded to organize their convention, and in doing so, added to the hall, and at the command of Mr. Springer, compelled some of the delegates to take their seats.

The balloting for a candidate for congress began and was continued with varying results. The Godwin delegates protesting against their votes being cast in that convention. To better understand the situation, it may be well to state here that Robeson county was entitled to 60 votes and Harsett county to 31 votes in the convention, and that of those, Godwin won 45 votes out of the 91 in the Robeson delegation, and 25 votes out of the 31 in the Harsett delegation; that there were 43 ballots taken in the convention, and that during the balloting the chair held up if the Godwin delegates in those counties where they were in the majority, refused to recognize the convention and participate in its proceedings, that the minority could cast the vote as it saw proper. Under this ruling the anti-Godwin delegates cast the vote of Robeson and Harsett as they saw fit. McCleod and Young, the chairmen respectively of these two delegations, continuing to protest. On the 43rd and last ballot on the roll call, Cumberland gave its solid vote to Mr. Cook, and New Hanover cast its solid vote for Mr. McLammy. On this ballot, the minority of the Robeson and Harsett delegations, under the ruling of the chair, cast the solid vote of Harsett and Robeson, over the protest of Young and McCleod, the respective chairmen of those two delegations, and the vote of Robeson and Harsett counties were lawfully cast for him. But if the votes of those two counties were not rightfully cast for him, the Godwin delegates, lawfully nominated, had everything else being regular. New Hanover and Cumberland then voted to make his nomination unanimous. This the convention, then, after appointing an executive committee, adjourned, and the anti-Godwin delegates left the hall, or the Godwin delegates departed further in any proceedings looking to the nomination of any other candidate for congress.

Mr. Bellamy had a. this time kept the seat he occupied when he first called the convention to order, and the Godwin delegates had remained in the hall until his departure, on the adjournment of the Clark convention and as soon as order could be restored, Mr. Bellamy declared the convention in order and proceeded to business. The usual committees were appointed, additional delegates from Cumberland and New Hanover were seated and Mr. Bellamy made himself chairman. The convention, as now organized, nominated Mr. Godwin for congress and appointed a new executive committee. These are some of the undisputed facts and we have stated them that the state committee may have a general idea of the situation. We have refrained from reporting and discussing all we heard, because we do not wish to say anything in this report which may be added to the animosities already existing in that district.

Having thus made a general outline of the methods used in the organization and proceedings of the two conventions, we submit our observations thereon. We cannot give our assent to the proposition that a presiding officer of a convention can by his arbitrary ruling, determine what counties are represented, and what are not and exclude such delegates as are not so represented. We do not believe that it is proper to deprive proper credentials from participating in the proceedings. That is primarily the business of the committee on credentials, and it is ultimately the prerogative of the convention itself, which must be the judge of the qualifications of its own members, and not the privilege of the presiding officer. We are therefore emphatic in our disapproval of the arbitrary ruling of Chairman Bellamy in holding that Cumberland and New Hanover were not represented, when delegates with credentials from those counties were present, claiming for recognition.

We are equally emphatic in our opinion that after a body has been called to order, that no person outside of that body can take the presiding officer out of the chair and put another in his place. What we are maintaining is that the power to do this must be done by the body itself. If the presiding officer becomes contumacious, or for any cause unsatisfactory to the body over which he is presiding, it, and it alone, can remove him and put another in his place, but no outside persons or person can do it. Such an attempt is, in our opinion, an unauthorized interference with the prerogative of the body, and an unlawful usurpation of its authority. We therefore cannot approve of the action of the executive committee, an outside body, in its efforts to remove Chairman Bellamy as the presiding officer of the convention, and install Mr. Springer in his place. It is, in our opinion, a usurpation of the authority of the body, and an unlawful interference with its prerogative. We therefore cannot approve of the action of the executive committee, an outside body, in its efforts to remove Chairman Bellamy as the presiding officer of the convention, and install Mr. Springer in his place.

It is true there is a contention that if the organizations of these conventions were irregular that these irregularities were cured by subsequent proceedings. We have not thought it necessary to discuss these refinements or to express our opinion upon them. Those who undertake to sustain the nomination of either one of these gentlemen, have to rely on technicalities and theories which are highly debatable, and which, in our opinion, have no place in a democratic campaign. The man who goes before the democratic voters of a district claiming to be the democratic nominee, and on this account claiming the loyal support of all true democrats, ought to go with credentials, and in your dispute, it cannot be claimed that either one of these gentlemen has, or can, have such credentials. As long as there is room for dispute about the regularity and validity of the nominations, there will be room for an excuse to refuse to vote the ticket. And we further suggest, that party organization, cannot be strengthened when the validity of the nomination of the candidate is one of the subjects of discussion. As much as we would like to do so, we cannot with the facts before us, say that either of these gentlemen was "duly and lawfully" nominated.

The third and last query submitted to us: "And if neither is found to be nominated, what further action should be taken in order to secure the nomination of a candidate?" In response to this inquiry, we beg to suggest that the whole proceeding in the sixth district, including the holding the primaries, the county conventions, the district conventions, the nominations, and the appointment of committees, be declared and treated as a nullity, and that the democrats of the district be asked to make their own selection of their candidate. And we further suggest, that it be done at a voting primary, to be held at such time as the state committee may fix, and in such manner, and under such rules and regulations as said committee may prescribe.

It is due Mr. Clark and Mr. Godwin to say that both of these gentlemen called before the committee and declared their purpose to abide in good faith by the action of this committee and the state executive committee.

We cannot close this report without expressing our high and sincere appreciation of the kind and generous reception from the democrats of all factions and localities, whom we met at Fayetteville. Their greetings were so warm and cordial and their assurances of confidence and esteem so sincere that we were greatly helped and strengthened in the performance of our delicate duties laid upon us. We parted with their wishes in the settlement of their political roules (for all seemed willing to help), with a feeling that our intercourse with them, and theirs with each other, tended to harmony and unity. And now we trust these same good friends will pardon the way we take in appealing to them to approach this new duty of selecting their candidate for congress in a spirit of absolute fairness. It may be expected that differences of opinion will exist as to the best man to represent the district, and that the friends of the different candidates will be earnest in their efforts to secure the nomination of their favorite but no method should be used or exercised which is not worthy of the high calling of the democracy of the sixth district. The men of the Cape Fear have time and again led the way in higher ideals and better methods. They now have an opportunity of mending their own ways and setting an example to their party friends throughout the state which will tend to purify contests in all sections.

THOMAS J. JARVIS, A. C. AVERY, C. B. AYCOCK, Committee.

Mr. Klutta's Dissent. Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 22, 1910. Hon. A. H. Eller, Chairman State Executive Committee. Sir: With great diffidence, without argument and impelled only by an irresistible sense of duty, I respectfully dissent from the findings and conclusions of the able majority of the special committee appointed to investigate the controversy in the sixth congressional district upon the second inquiry. In my opinion, Mr. O. L. Clark was "duly and lawfully nominated." I realize, however, that there should be an investigation into the controversy, and in case the view of the majority prevails, then I join in the recommendations for a voting primary.

Very respectfully, THEO. F. KLUTTA.

The Raleigh Times' report of the debate that ensued is as follows: Mr. John D. Bellamy asked by way of suggestion, if the committee should go into executive session during the reading of the report. He was informed by Mr. Aycock that there was nothing in the report to hurt the party. The committee's report (which is given below) was read, and was listened to with the closest attention. When the reading of the report was concluded and Governor Aycock began to read the dissenting opinion of Hon. Theo. F. Klutta, a dead silence reigned in the hall, many fearing that this would precipitate a long and hard-fought discussion.

Hon. Francis D. Winston moved that the majority report be adopted by the committee. Mr. C. O. McMichael asked Governor Aycock if there was a committee on credentials at Fayetteville, and was informed that both conventions had credentials committees. Mr. McMichael then wanted to know how Mr. Bellamy became chairman. Governor Aycock told him that he was chairman because he was chairman of the executive committee of that district, but when he took charge of the convention he was then at the disposal of the convention, and the executive committee, on the outside body, had no authority to remove him.

Mr. McMichael argued for the minority report, saying he believed Mr. Clark was the regular nominee. Mr. John D. Bellamy took issue with Governor Aycock as to the power of the executive committee in deposing the chairman, claiming that that body had control until the convention had perfected an organization. He stated that he was out of the

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son, Ansoo B. Cornell, became ultimately vice president of the Western Union and governor of New York State—a high commercial and political honor.

Mr. McMichael disagreed with the whole report of the committee, arguing that the question was not one for the committee. This committee has no right to order a primary for that district, and if it does it will open a Pandora's box.

Mr. A. D. Watts raised the question that the committee could not say how the people should act in this matter, but was informed that the original plans were made by this committee and it could amend in any way it wanted to.

Mr. C. A. Webb said the report should be adopted, and the only thing to provide was the machinery for carrying out this report.

"CHEEK" OF THE FIRST WATER. Bearing in mind the circumstance that the Baltimore Sun booted from the Democratic party in 1896 and 1898 and used all its powerful influence against the Democratic presidential nominee in those years, and that Mr. Cleveland not only booted in 1894 but in 1893 went back on his party's command to make the tariff the paramount issue, we think the following from the Sun is a sample of "cheek" that may be held to "take the cake":

Mr. Bryan Can Do His Party a Great Service. For the first time in a good many years the Nebraska Democrats expect to have a chance to elect a United States Senator. Under the new primary law passed on the Oregon system, the candidate who receives a majority of the popular vote must be elected Senator by the legislature, no matter to what party he belongs. The Republicans have nominated Senator Burkett for re-election. In the Democratic primaries Representative Gilbert H. Hitchcock has a large majority of the votes, and therefore is the Democratic nominee. Burkett is a regular, a supporter of Aldrich and of the high tariff, and possesses few elements of popularity. In Nebraska, as in Kansas and Iowa, there is a strong protest against the o-line candidates.

Mr. Bryan's aid is needed by his party in the nation, as well as in his own State. The division in the Republican ranks, the general revolt against the extreme protective policy, gives Mr. Bryan the best opportunity they have had since the late presidential election of the party can only be brought together, if the Democratic can present a united front, the Democratic party can probably go into the campaign of 1912 stronger than at any time for twenty years.

Mr. Bryan has it in his power to do his party a great service. If he will exercise his influence in the interests of harmony, it will go a long way in healing the breach that has existed since 1896. Col. Henry Watterson's advice to Mr. Bryan to forgive his former enemies, forget the past and cooperate with the leaders of his party is the voice of wisdom. Mr. Bryan can strengthen himself with his party and the country by showing that he puts his party and its principles above every other political consideration. His great ability and influence create an obligation and responsibility which he should believe he will realize and recognize.

THE LORDS' DAY. Correspondence of the Observer. If common forgery is a detestable crime, then how much more detestable is that kind of forgery that claims Christ as its author? What greater indignity can any one offer to his Maker than to forge lies in his name? Yet this is a letter being published which purports to be from the Holy Spirit. The first copy of it that I ever saw was in tract form of the year 1857. Since then I have seen it both in tract form and in the columns of a newspaper. That letter is undoubtedly of the same origin with the one which St. Basil wrote to the emperor Constantine in the year 191, declared to have come down from heaven, and was found upon the altar of St. Simion in Galgatha, and which required the keeping of the Sunday holy and to abstain from any except good works from the ninth hour of Saturday until sunrise on Monday. The closing paragraph are these words: "I gave you a law in Mount Sinai, which you have not kept; I gave you a law with mine own hands which you have not observed. For you I was born into the world, and my festive day ye have kept not. Being wished upon, ye have kept the Lords' day, but not my resurrection. By my right hand I swear unto you, that if you do not observe the Lords' day and the festivals of my saints, will send unto you the Pagan nations that they may slay you."—Roger de Houden's Annals. It is a pity that we do not see brought to light to accept tradition in

stead of the inspired word of God for their guide will adhere to the keeping of Sunday; but for any one professing to be a Christian, and to profess to teach the keeping of Sunday for the Sabbath, when there is absolutely no Scripture to justify it but much to condemn it, is a mystery to me. Yet there are those who teach that the Savior was crucified on Friday, lay in the grave on Saturday, and arose on the first day of the week, and that by so doing he abrogated the seventh-day-Sabbath law, and left in its stead a something requiring the keeping of Sunday holy. They dare not call it a commandment, for there are no words expressing such a commandment to be found in all the recorded words of the Savior. So they base their doctrine on the supposed time of the Savior's resurrection and the supposed time of the Pentecost on which "there appeared cloven tongues, like as of fire." But St. Matthew plainly states that it was "in the end of the Sabbath" when the two Marys went to see the sepulchre as "angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matt. 28:1-6. In Ex. 20:10, it is plainly stated that "the seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." St. Paul says, that unto the Jews "men committed the offences of God." Rom. 3:2. And the Jews tell us that Saturday is the seventh day of the week. The title which Pilate wrote and put on the cross of Christ, "was written in Hebrew and Greek and Latin." John 19:20. By the relation of that transaction in the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit identified the three languages, and these three languages agree upon Saturday as the seventh day of the week.

When the prophet Daniel, who prophesied that a change in times and laws would be made by a wicked ruler, and St. Matthew who plainly states the hour of the angel's declaration concerning the risen Christ, "shall stand in their lots in the end of days," Dan. 12:13, what will they have to say to those people who profess to take nothing for their guide in religion but the "pure and unadulterated word of the Lord thy God." St. Paul says, that unto the Jews "men committed the offences of God." Rom. 3:2. And the Jews tell us that Saturday is the seventh day of the week. The title which Pilate wrote and put on the cross of Christ, "was written in Hebrew and Greek and Latin." John 19:20. By the relation of that transaction in the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit identified the three languages, and these three languages agree upon Saturday as the seventh day of the week.

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Mrs. Street Brewer spent last night with Mr. L. D. Williams, returning home this morning. Miss Jenks Tolar, from near Tampa, Fla., is visiting Miss Lela McMillan and other relatives here.

Miss Maria Seasons spent the first of this week at the beach and will be away a few days visiting relatives.

Mr. A. M. Vestal, who has been teaching music on the east side of the Cape Fear river for five weeks, returned to Cumberland on Sunday afternoon.

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FAYETTEVILLE R. NO. 8 ITEMS. Aug. 26. The protracted meeting at the Cape Fear Baptist church commenced on Monday evening with Rev. Mr. Gibbs, of Hope Mills, the pastor, and Prof. Williams, the former King Hiram school teacher assisting.

Miss Lina Marsh has returned home from Black Mountain, where she went with her aunt, Romella Butler, for a pleasure trip in that popular summer resort, reporting an enjoyable trip with value received.

Fodder pulling is on in full blast here now and the weather, wise it on hand also. "If it don't rain today it will tomorrow."

Mrs. Archie McQueen, from Canada, is visiting her nephew, Mr. A. A. McQueen, at this place. Mrs. T. M. Ferrell, of Clinton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. L. McQueen, of this place.

There has been quite a change in the weather, supposed to be on account of the ice cream supper given at Marvin on last Saturday evening. The ladies sold cake and cream to raise money to pain, the church and got a considerable amount. The ice, however, has all melted and the temperature is rising again.

The cider is all gone and I will close. Would like to hear from some bigger apple orchard.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Geddle are spending a while at Wrightsville Beach. Miss Minnie Bryant returned home Saturday, 21st., after visiting a few weeks near Jackson Springs.

Miss Jennette Holmes is spending this week at Mr. John Holmes'. Mr. Robt. Strange and his brother were visitors in Stedman yesterday.

Mr. W. D. Bullard is a visitor in Stedman this morning. Several of the young folks went up to Falcon Sunday to the camp meeting. Mrs. T. H. Ringgold and children have returned from a visit to relatives below Cedar Creek.

Mr. Winfield A. Worth, formerly of Fayetteville, now a leading lawyer of Elizabeth City, is here on a visit to his aunt, Mrs. N. A. Sinclair.

Business Locals. WANTED—Several copies of the Weekly edition of the Observer of August 11th. Address E. J. Hale, Jr., Mgr., Observer, Fayetteville.

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