



New York Convention

Saratoga, N. Y., September 28.—The New York republican convention, which is in session here, elected Theodore Roosevelt temporary chairman, elected Senator Root permanent chairman, adopted a strong platform and nominated H. L. Stimson for governor. Mr. Stimson is a man of high character and recognized ability.

In his opening speech, Chairman Roosevelt spoke in part as follows:

"We come here feeling that we have the right to appeal to the people from the standpoint alike of national and state achievement. During the last 18 months a long list of laws, embodying legislation most worthy to be commended, as coming wisdom with progress, have been enacted by congress and approved by President Taft. The amendments to the interstate commerce law, the beginning of a national legislative program for the exercise of the taxing power in connection with big corporations doing business, the appointment of a commission to frame measures that do away with evils of over capitalization and improper and excessive issues of stocks and bonds, the law providing for publicity of campaign expenses, the establishment of the maximum and minimum tariff provisions, and the exceedingly able negotiation of the Canadian and other treaties in accordance therewith; the inauguration of the policy of providing for a disinterested revision of tariff schedules through a high class commission of experts, which will treat each schedule purely on its own merits with a view both to protecting the consumer from excessive prices and securing to the American producer, and, especially the American wage worker, what will represent a difference of cost in production as compared with the cost of production in countries where labor is liberally rewarded; extension of the laws regulating appliances for the protection of labor, the creation of a bureau of mines—these and similar laws, backed up by executive action, reflect high credit upon all who succeeded in putting them in their present shape on the statute books; they represent an earnest of the achievement which is yet to come; and the efficiency and far-reaching importance of this work done for the whole people, measure the credit which is rightly due to the congress and to our able, upright and distinguished President, William Howard Taft."

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A Democrat Wants to Know

Dr. Reagan Asks about Certain Solicitor Fees

What Will Gudger Do about It?

We copy from the Asheville Gazette-News the following letter from Dr. Reagan which will be read with interest by our readers:

Editor Gazette-News:

Having lived over three score years and ten, and having devoted 50 years of this time to preaching the gospel and in my humble way practicing medicine as best I could, and during all this time since I became of age, having been intensely interested in public education, (and having been before the war a whig and after the war a democrat, independent, voting for whom I please) I have a right to ask for the information requested in this communication. I want to vote the democratic ticket, but will not vote for any man who antagonizes our public schools, and withholds money rightfully belonging to the school children. I therefore write this letter which will be made public, so as to give Mr. J. M. Gudger, jr., the opportunity to publicly explain reports which have come to me regarding certain school funds which it is claimed he now has in his possession, and which he received while solicitor of this district.

On the eve of election four years ago, Marcus Erwin, clerk of the superior court, published a circular severely denouncing Mark W. Brown, the republican solicitor of this district, for accepting fees in sci. fa. cases, claiming that by so doing "he has taken the people's money unlawfully and ought to pay it back;" that he had been guilty of graft and extortion and robbed the school children of their money. Mr. Brown replied in a letter that the money was paid to him by Mr. Erwin as clerk under the belief that he, as solicitor, was legally entitled to the compensation, and that all the solicitors in the state, including J. M. Gudger jr., had received like fees.

Immediately after the election Mr. Brown caused a test case to be submitted to the supreme court, and that court having decided that the fees were unlawful, he voluntarily refunded the money.

Julius C. Martin, chairman of the board of education, gave a receipt for the fees belonging to the school fund, as appears by the Citizen and the Gazette-News of June 7, 1907, and in that receipt stated that Mr. Gudger had collected like fees as appears by the records.

Two years ago A. L. Brooks, then democratic solicitor of the Greensboro district, was nominated for congress. He had not taken time by the forelock, and refunded the fees declared unlawful by the supreme court, and the people rose up against him, defeating him in a district which is normally democratic by more than 5000 majority.

Those of us interested in the public schools naturally want the school fund to be protected, and brushing aside all questions of politics, will insist that the schools be not allowed to suffer because of the unlawful claims of any individual, especially when there is not now enough money on hand to pay the teachers.

If Mr. Gudger has money belonging to the school children, as Mr. Martin has certified, then in all good conscience he should refund it.

Before Mr. Gudger can expect the good people to support him, he must

clear his skirts. It may be that he can truthfully say that all solicitors did the same thing, but if so, when they found it wrong they should have refunded just as Mark W. Brown did.

Let Mr. Gudger say whether he will continue to hold on to that money, or pay it over to the school authorities in accordance with the decision of the supreme court.

And how about Mr. Martin and Professor Reynolds: It would be well for them to explain why they accepted a republican solicitor's money and made no effort to collect from his predecessor, Mr. Gudger, a democrat? Why did they not institute suit to cover what is due? We certainly should keep politics out of schools.

Mark Erwin bitterly denounced the republican solicitor for doing the same thing that Mr. Gudger did. Will Mr. Erwin stand by his guns and publicly give us his opinion of Mr. Gudger?

Very respectfully,
L. A. REAGAN, M. D.
Asheville, Sept. 28, 1910.

Cholera in Italy

Rome, Sept. 25.—Official announcement was made tonight that one case of Asiatic cholera had been found in Naples.

It is also announced that all who were in contact with the disease have been isolated, and that further measures are being taken to prevent its spread. The sanitary staff at Naples has been reinforced.

Collision

Philadelphia, Sept. 25.—Three persons were killed and two seriously injured at Gloucester, N. J., tonight when an electric train on the West Jersey Railroad struck an automobile.

Mine Caves In

Lead, S. Dak., Sept. 25.—The Homestake mine caved in early this morning from the 200-foot level to the surface.

Buildings in the center of the city are being vacated.

Office of City Engineer
Hendersonville, N. C., Sept. 16, 1910

Sealed proposals will be received by the Hon. Board of Town Commissioners for the building of a bridge and its approaches over Wash Creek S 4th st west. Plans and specifications to be seen at the office of the City Engineer First National Bank Building. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

All bids to be in before October 6, 1910.

Some of the things you ought to know can be learned in no other way than by reading the advertisements.

And sometimes a candidate discovers that the party leaders were at his back for the purpose of kicking him.

Talk may be cheap, but some people use extravagant language.

Letter from McDuffie Ray

Editor Times:

A few days ago there appeared an article in the French Broad Hustler purporting to be the Henderson county democratic platform. It appears from the article that the platform consists of eleven paragraphs which it seems were intended to set forth briefly some of the things in which the democratic party believes. For the information of all the people of the county, whether democrats or republicans I desire that you copy in your paper section five of the platform as published in the Hustler which reads as follows:

5th. That we endorse and good roads movement in the county, and we advocate a change of the present free labor system of lic roads, and we pledge ourselves to an effort to have enacting and keeping up our public the present condition in our county.

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You will see from this the perfect conception which the Hustler has of our democratic platform declarations.

Here is the section as it appears in the platform adopted by the democratic convention:

6th. That we endorse and pledge ourselves to support the good roads movement in the county, and we further advocate a change of the present system of working and keeping up our public roads. And we pledge ourselves to an effort to have enacted a road law to meet the needs of the present conditions

in our county.

In this garbled mess is displayed the same fairness shown me by that paper in its pretended publication of the proposed road law which I tried to have passed by the last legislature. The public will easily understand the Hustler's motive in thus attempting to suppress this section of the democratic platform. This section is a complete endorsement of the principles incorporated in the law I tried to have passed and the Hustler does not wish to publish the fact that the democratic party is committed to those principles. The garbled mess above is not an accident. It was so published on purpose. This shows the people of the county how excellent a newspaper the Hustler is and how hard it tries to serve the public.

From this attempted fraud on the public one is justified in the assumption that the Hustler would again oppose the enactment by the next legislature of a law embracing the principles thus declared for by the democratic party. If a newspaper publishes the news, what would you call a paper that suppresses the news?

I desire further to call attention to the fact that section 5 of the platform is entirely omitted in the publication in the Hustler, although the publication is entitled "County Democratic Platform." This garbled mess called section 5 in the publication and the entire omission of section 5 in the platform cannot be accidental and as before stated can be nothing less than an attempted fraud on the democratic party of the county.

McD. Ray.

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