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EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

The Republican national platform declares in favor of postal saving banks. A good declaration.

If it costs a candidate \$40,000 to get a job that pays only \$16,000 in return—who pays the difference?

The Democrats in Cleveland County have only seven candidates for the nomination for sheriff this year.

It seems that they will have to pass a law to keep the Democratic candidates from defaming each other's character.

The Charlotte Chronicle says that Governor John Johnson, of Missouri, could beat Taft. But Johnson will not be the Democratic nominee.

It is stated that two of the Democratic candidates for Governor have already spent \$40,000. The question arises, Who furnished the money and for what purpose?

The better element of both parties in New York State want Hughes to run for Governor again. He has made an excellent Governor and is praised by men of all parties.

There appeared three divorce notices in a Charlotte paper one day last week. The atmosphere in Mecklenburg County must not be very conducive to happy wedded life.

The Lexington Dispatch (Democratic) says it would be the purest folly to place Kitchin at the head of the Democratic ticket. What's the difference since the Republicans are going to elect the Governor this fall?

David Bennett Hill says there is no Democratic party. Hill is badly behind the times, the balance of the country has been aware of Democracy's condition for the past ten years.

If it costs \$40,000 to get a Democratic nomination in North Carolina, a poor man, or even a man of moderate means, is debarred from holding office in this State while the Democrats are in power.

Mr. Bryan says he does not regard prohibition as a national issue. Many of the Southern Democrats favor a prohibition plank in their national platform, but the Northern element are afraid of the proposition.

The Democrats have accused some of their party of cheating in the primaries in several counties. If they have done this to each other, the Republicans in those counties may prepare for the worst.

The Georgia Legislature will meet to-day and the public may expect a warm message from Governor Smith to the Legislature. The railroads and other interests beat Smith for renomination in the primaries only a few days ago and many believe he will try to have the present Legislature to retaliate.

The Democratic State Convention is in session in Charlotte this week. Wonder if there will be as much whiskey in evidence as there was at Greensboro when Glenn was nominated. But the thirsty ones could make out with a similar amount that was used in the Democratic primaries in Charlotte just one week ago.

The newspapers state that Judge Webb adjourned court in Greensboro a few days ago to give place to two Democratic conventions. The Judge evidently put his party before his official duties, those he is paid by the State to perform, and, besides, think of the inconvenience and expense caused the witnesses and litigants!

Governor Glenn favors a legalized primary system for the entire State instead of the present primary system now used by the Democratic party. He thinks the present system is corrupt. No one disputes that fact. But the Democrats are the ones that have made it corrupt, and let them stop the primary system. Why should the State be made to pay the expense of holding their primaries? If they are not satisfied with their primary system, and do not want to pay the expenses for holding same, then let them do away with the primary system and hold conventions as the Republicans now hold their conventions to select their candidates.

TAFT THE CANDIDATE

But Roosevelt is the Republican Platform

A REMARKABLE CONVENTION

Walter Wellman Tells How the Convention's Work Crowns Whole Rooseveltian Era.

Walter Wellman in Chicago Record-Herald.

Chicago, June 19.—William Howard Taft is the candidate. Theodore Roosevelt is the platform.

Yesterday was a day of signal triumph for the man in the White House; he won a greater victory than if he himself had been nominated.

In spite of all opposition he has induced his party to choose for its new leader a man designated by himself, his personal friend, pledged to carry on his work.

In spite of all opposition he has induced his party to move up to the advanced position occupied by him, to make his policies its policies, to pledge its honor to their continuance and perfection.

It is this which fixes Theodore Roosevelt's place in history. This is the greatest triumph of his career. All that has gone before has been militant, sowing, path-finding, the work of the leader and explorer. This is permanent, enduring. It is the harvest.

Again has it been demonstrated that the Republican party is the party of conservatism in this country, the party which represents wealth, property, business, stability. But the genius, the popularity, the practical politics and the higher politics found in the control of public opinion of its radical leader have enabled him to make the party keep pace to his step. He has not only averted threatened reaction and repudiation; he has compelled the party to take his radicalism and stamp it with its unqualified approval and thus name it conservatism.

The neutral observer of political movement and tendency must admit that this is a triumph not only for Roosevelt the leader, but for the party itself. After the events of the last few days it stands forth patent and unmistakable that while Republicanism is conservative it is not bourgeoisism. It is a party which can and does move forward. Its inertia is the other way through its composition and its instinct. Left to itself it would take steps backward, would become more and more the party of wealth and property, less and less in sympathy with the mass. But in the hands of a leader truly masterful, able to play both for public opinion and to fix committees and win tricks all along the line in the game of practical politics, it is responsive, reluctantly plastic, somewhat sullenly progressive.

The convention of today is at heart reactionary. Only the genius of Roosevelt, aided by Taft and the superb organization built up by and through Roosevelt and others round Taft's name, has sufficed to avert the taking of that step toward the rear planned by some of the ablest leaders the party has, with the co-operation of some of the mightiest interests. That is why Roosevelt's victory is so marked, so significant. He has mastered his party, he has whipped "the interests," he has played the politicians at their own game.

It is also apparent to every fair observer that the old Republican party has once more put its house in order, organized its forces, stopped up many weak spots, prepared itself in truly efficient fashion for the coming battle against Democracy—a battle which only a well-informed man admits is sure to be bitterly waged with doubtful outcome.

There have been plots and conspiracies, and charges and counter charges, and accusations and recriminations of juggernauts and rollers and frauds and tyranny and trickery and the improper use of federal patronage; there have been threats of war to the bitter end, of exposure, of retaliation; there have been expectations of desperate struggle over the proposal to declare for limitations of the power of the judiciary.

But in the end it is noteworthy that one threat after another has dissolved into thin air. One war after another has taken itself off the field and been conspicuous only by much heralding, and then by complete absence from the arena. There was no fight over the crucial question of injunctions, but a compromise. There was no fight in the convention itself over the contested seats. There was no fight over the presidency.

Harmony prevails. The nomination is made unanimous. Such ill-felling as exists will quickly disappear. The old party is getting ready for a battle. Roosevelt has done that which a year ago seemed absolutely impossible. He has used the power of his great office to force upon his party an out-and-out endorsement of his policies, which it was not originally willing to make, and he has forced it to accept a candidate whose greatest source of strength was his favor. And this he has done without leaving behind any serious marks of revolt or discontent. No other President of recent years could have done that.

The Republican party have moved (Continued on Page 2.)

LETTER FROM BILKINS.

No Politicians in the Ninth Judicial District—Bill Moody Sheds a Tear. Bryan Still in the Fight—The New Farmer Organization and What It May Have to Contend With—How to Live Without Getting into Politics.

Bilkinsville, N. C., June 17.—I wuz readin' the other day about the convention that they had bin holdin' in the 9th judicial district. Hit must hev bin a fierce one, az hit wuz in session exactly thirty-four hours, five minits and twelve seconds by the watch. That beats anything that I hev hear'n ov. The delegates ter that convention must hev bin Populists, or else they wuz descendants ov Rip Van Winkle, an' got in a long time a-sleepin', you can't make me believe that they wuz loyal an' true dymakrats with true and tried hearts a-beatin' seventy-four times a minit with patriotism an' awl them other fixments that the delegates ov our grate an' true party iz supposed ter be made up ov. Sumphin' wrong sumwhar. I can't believe hit! An' still the news cum out in our own grate an' reliable newspaper.

As soon az I read hit I sed ter Bill Moody: "A sad day hez cum. The dymakrat party hez gone Populist or Republikin or crazy, fer they iz sumphin' wrong with Hannah! The party that Tom Jefferson diskivered or invented hez gone wrong or I am out ov my head. I could hardly keep frum cryin'." I believe Bill did cry a few tears. Sez I ter Bill: "We hev crossed the Rubyon at last. Our grand old party hez at last got per-luzed with pollyticks. Hit went on fer years doin' Sunday-school work an' other paterotick an' religious stunts for the benefit ov mankind, includin, women an' children. Hit wuz so patriotick that hit would not elect a Preserdent fer fear hit wouldn't give a gude administration an' they could not blame hit on the other feller. At last they hev gotten hungry an' thyrst fer perlitick an' an' I don't see no end ter the trouble we air goin' ter hev. I expect ter live ter see the day when hit will take a month ter hold a district or county convention. They iz sum bad sleddin' ahead ov us, or my name iz not Zeke Bilkins."

Bill sat still an' quiet fer a long time an' then he screwed his jaws up tite an' began ter masticate his terbacker very fast. I could see that he wuz budy agitated an' his heart wuz breakin'. "Out with hit, Bill," sez I.

"The Populists an' Republikins air ter blame," sez Bill. "Once our grate party wuz az innocent az a new-born babe, but hit got into bad company an' I don't know what hit becom ov hit before the end ov time. Erway back in the eighties hit went Republikin' an' afterwards eiekted Cleveland. Later on hit went Populist an' didn't eiekst anybody. Now hit hez gone Prohibishun an' iz runnin' at the rate ov 60 miles an hour on that platform. The main trouble with the Dymakrat party iz that hit iz always runnin' on the platform ov sum other party or sumphin else besides hit's own. Hit purty nigh breaks my heart. But what kin I do? I am only one man, an' nothin' I kin say or do will stop hit frum his mad course. Hit iz goin' at such a headlong speed that I air afraid hit will break every bone in his body before hit iz ten years older. Then what will becom ov the country?"

I see hit stated that the prohibishun law iz unconstitutional, owin' ter the fact that the act callin' the election wuz passed during the special session of the Legislature, which wuz called ter pass railroad legislation only, nothin' else bein' specified in the call. Ov course a little thing like that don't count in North Carolina. We air runnin' pollyticks an' the constitution iz simply ter point the finger ov pride at. As long as we kin pile up majorities we air solid fer most any issue that kin be invented. Success iz what we air drivin' at. We air not even particular whether we git the votes or not—we know how ter manage that end ov the program—hev had long experience.

I haint hearin' much frum Billy Bryan fer a day or two. I guess he iz still carryin' the delegations frum each State. He iz grate on carryin' the conventions by storm. The only thing Billy lacks ter be an awl eround plytician iz the ability ter carry votes. He always gits tired on the last end ov the race an' can't carry votes, which air right important when a man iz runnin' fer a big office. But I look fer grate things frum Billy in the future. If he gets the nemernashun a few more times he may yet win the victory. Then we will see sum fun—or sum trouble.

Sum ov the people I meet up with hev bin askin' me about the new farmers' organization that iz makin' big headway awl over the South. Hev awl seem ter be takin' a gude deal ov interest in hit, but, at the same time, air a little suspicious. They air afraid hit will git into pollyticks. The pollytishuns air afraid ov the same grate disaster, unless they kin control hit. If they kin control hit, then hit wont be in pollyticks. Hit iz an established fakkt that the only nonpartisan organizations in the country iz the ones run by the pollytishuns. So, if you don't want'er git into pollyticks jine one ov the perlitick parties, shut your eyes an' spend the most ov your time in prayer an' the balance

ov hit at hard work. The pollytishuns will then see to hit that you don't git into pollyticks. If you do you will git out mity fast, an' you will go out in front ov the toe ov sum perlitick leader's shoe.

As a matter ov fakkt the various farmers' organizations hav had a stormy time darin' their existence. The Grange wuz organized first, an' the members thought their salvation lay in cheaper goods, so they put up "Grange stores," an' things in every section whar they wuz strong. They wuz not much difference in prices; in fact, in sum cases, the other merchants would sell cheaper. The whole thing ended in disaster, with a few exceptions. Then the Alliance wuz organized an' hit wanted legislation ter curb the trusts an' put more money in circulation. The pollytishuns pitched in an' began ter help them with one hand an' choke them off with the other. Then sum ov the members concluded ter go into pollyticks. The pollytishuns assisted them ter the polls an' actually let them vote, provided they voted ter the pollytishuns. Sum ov the members ov the Alliance then began ter talk like they wuz free American sizzizens. Then the fun began. The pollytishuns accused the Alliancemen ov bein' in pollyticks. Sum ov them did not mind that, fer they had a sneakin' idea that one American sizzizen had erbout as much rite in pollyticks as another. But a gude many others got hit into their heads that ter go into pollyticks wuz a serious crime, and they got scared an' publicly stated that they wuz still loyal true blue Dymakrats an' Republikins, which cleared them ov bein' in pollyticks provided they withdrew frum the Alliance an' cussed hit out. They wuz not happy once more. They wuz not in pollyticks when they belonged ter tie old parties, an', ov course, could not commit any perlitick sins.

The new farmer organization iz awl rite, provided his members obey the bosses. If they ever take hit into their heads that they air free-born Amerikin sizzizens they will then becom outlaws an' cannot be in gude standin' unless the pollytishuns ease up on them an' grant a free an' full pardon.

Az ever,

ZEKE BILKINS.

Johnson County Presents a Candidate for Congress.

Kenly, N. C., June 23.

Mr. Editor: I have read the letter from Nash county in your last week's paper, and write to approve in part of the sentiments expressed in it; but we folks in this part of old Johnson are opposed to running federal officers on the ticket unless they resign their jobs, because folks won't vote for them like other men. If we have got to have a man like that, what is the matter with John Daniel Parker, postmaster at Smithfield? He is a graduate of the University of the State of North Carolina and came nearer carrying Johnson county against Ed Pou by a big majority than any other man in the district. Besides, Johnson county is entitled to name the man if it wants to, for she is the banner county in this district for local self-government and Republican voters. Mr. Parker is a clean young man, and an old Republican. But as I said before, we are opposed to naming a federal officeholder for Congress in this district, and it looks like a trick got up just to keep somebody else from making the race and being elected outside of an officeholder.

He polled 1,700 majority against the Democratic machine in the May election, and it looks like to me we have got a good chance to carry the district this time if we nominate a good man who will try to be elected and not one just to fill out the ticket, as has been done by the federal officeholders heretofore. I don't know many of the leading men in the district, but we have Mr. Berry Godwin and Mr. C. Stancell in this county, both good men, and neither of them hold any federal job.

We came near catching a big part of the storm which passed down through Wilson the other day, and did so much damage. Our farmers are in good spirits over 12-cent cotton and good prices of everything and want to let well enough alone by voting for Mr. Taft for President. Hurray for Republicans and prosperity.

JOHNSON REPUBLICAN.

SAYS MRS. ROOSEVELT DID IT.

Her Fears Prevented the President Running Again, Declares Mrs. McCormick.

New York, June 18.—"There is a far deeper reason than the pledges which he has made behind President Roosevelt's declination of a third-term nomination. Mrs. Roosevelt, who is my friend, has told me again and again of her fears. Every time he leaves the White House Mrs. Roosevelt is greatly alarmed. Notwithstanding the fact that President makes light of his wife's fears, he is unable to allay them, and Mrs. Roosevelt is continually nervous."

The foregoing statement concerning President Roosevelt and his third term position was made to-day by Mrs. Robert McCormick, wife of the former United States Ambassador to France and Russia.

Pleasure soon exhausts us and itself also, but endeavor never does.—Richter.

A GOOD TICKET

A Burst of Enthusiasm for Roosevelt Which Has Never Been Equaled.

POLITICIANS WERE DAZED

Taft and Sherman Will Poll a Good Vote—The Secretary Is Strong All Over the Country, and Sherman Will Bring Up Any Weak Places in New York—Senator La Follette Receives an Ovation. Some Side Lights on the Fourteenth National Republican Convention.

Special to The Caucasian:

Chicago, Ill., June 20.—The fourteenth National Republican Convention has met, done its work and adjourned. Only a few delegates and members of the National committee are in town to-day. The general verdict is that the ticket is as good a one as it was possible to nominate under the circumstances. Of course, the country was for Roosevelt and the convention was for Roosevelt, not only the delegates, but the visitors and spectators as well. When Chairman Lodge, in his carefully prepared address, which was designed to prevent a stampede, referred to the President as the most abused and at the same time the most beloved man in America, the convention could not restrain its pent-up feelings a moment longer. A burst of enthusiasm which has never been equaled in volume or length of time was the most dramatic incident of the convention. For forty-seven minutes the convention cheered, hurrahed, clapped and yelled, and yelled again and again for Roosevelt. It was spontaneous; it was the greatest tribute which any convention has ever paid to any man. In all other conventions there has been, of course, more or less of planning and design to spring the demonstration at the opportune time. This one occurred without design and in spite of design, and broke all records.

The very fact that temporary Chairman Burrows was known not to be very friendly to the President, and that he was very meagre in his praises for the administration and its policies, of course, did much to whet the desire of the convention to make a fitting reply. The further fact that it was evident that permanent Chairman Lodge was studiously attempting to avoid the occasion of a stampede for Roosevelt added fuel to the fire. Besides, the general feeling among the delegates, visitors and spectators that Roosevelt, if nominated, would be elected, and that his determination not to run was unnecessary and against the wishes of the people, was the underlying spring of action that made the 15,000 people determine, at the first opportunity, not made, but which they could find, to inform the President that he made a mistake in refusing to obey the call of the people and to deliver this message to him and to the country. It was astonishing; it dazed the politicians. In that demonstration the great heart of the American people spoke its real sentiment, but when that was over they decided to let the President have his way. He had it, and the result is Taft and Sherman, the next best thing that could have been done.

No man in America, next to the President himself, is so well qualified by natural ability, by long, varied and successful experience, for the great office of chief magistrate as William H. Taft. If Roosevelt had not been in the minds and hearts of the people, Taft would have occupied the first place in the minds of all the delegates and everybody else at the convention. The selection of Congressman Sherman as running mate is a most happy solution of a doubtful and troublesome situation. Taft is strong all over the country, but New York is a doubtful State, and if Taft is weak anywhere in New York, then Sherman is the man to bridge the gap.

The nominating speeches were all below the first-class standard, though the speech of Lodge, and the nominating speech of Burton are admirable. But there was no real oratory because they read as fell as or better than they sounded. The speeches of the two Wisconsin men, the one who nominated and the one who seconded the nomination of Senator La Follette, while not expressing the sentiments of the majority of the convention, yet, with their crude and rugged oratory, aroused more enthusiasm for what they said and the way in which they said it than any other speeches at the convention. By the way, in passing, it should be said that the vote which La Follette received as a candidate for President did not by any means measure the extent of the sympathy of the convention for that for which he stands. His policies, as a reflection of what many people consider in essence simply a slight advance on the real policies of Roosevelt, will probably be much stronger at the next convention than at this. One thing is certain, some of the oldest and wisest politicians sat up and took notice very seriously

at the demonstration for the man from Wisconsin. The convention took the so-called radical policies of Roosevelt and put on them the stamp of conservatism. Unless all signs fail, the next convention will go at least one step further, if not more. The convention is but another illustration, however, that the Republican party is the great militant and progressive party that does things. Even when it is conservative it is not bourgeoisish, for it can both learn and forget; it has the happy and remarkable faculty of always meeting the situation. This is why the Republican party succeeds and it is why the Democratic party does not. There is a hard fight ahead because Bryan is stronger to-day than ever before, but he will not be strong enough to win. Taft and Sherman will be elected. The result of their stewardship will determine whether they will be renominated and re-elected four years from now, and, daring to play prophet for the moment, we pause to say, that upon their stewardship depends whether Roosevelt will be renominated and re-elected four years from now or eight years from now.

WHOLESALE LYNCHING

Nine Negroes Meet Death at the Hands of Angry Mob.

A RACE WAR IS FEARED

Seven of the Negroes Were Being Held for the Murder of a White Man—The Negro Who Confessed That He Was Hired to Do the Killing Is Still Alive and in Jail. Both Races Secure Arms.

Houston, Texas, June 22.—Nine negroes met death last night at the hands of a mob in the vicinity of Hemphill in Sabine county. Today both races secured arms and the tension is such tonight that a race clash appears imminent.

The dead: Jerry Evans, aged 22; Will Johnson, aged 24; Mose Spellman, aged 24; Cleveland Williams, aged 27; William Manual, aged 25; Frank Williams, aged 22; two unknown men; William McCoy.

The lynchings followed the killing of two white men by negroes. Two weeks ago Hugh Dean and several other white men visited a negro church and school house where a dance was in progress, presumably in quest of liquor.

During the evening Dean was killed and six negroes were held for the killing. At the preliminary examination the evidence tended to show that the plot was formed at the dance to kill Dean.

Saturday night last, Aaron M. Johnson, a prominent farmer, was assassinated while seated at the dining table with his wife and child, the bullet being fired through a window. For this crime Perry Price, a negro, was arrested, and, it is stated, confessed, implicating Robert Wright, a relative of one of the negroes held for Dean's murder. Price declared he was offered \$5 to kill Johnson.

Then followed the forming of the mob last night, the overpowering of the jailer at Hemphill and the lynching of the negroes held for the murder of Dean. Five were hanged to the same tree while another attempted to escape and was shot to death. Later in the night William McCoy, another negro, was shot and killed while standing at the gate of the Johnson home, and this morning the bodies of two more negroes were found in the creek bottom. Wright, the negro who confessed to the killing of Johnson, and the men he implicated, were taken to Beaumont for safe keeping under guard of the military company of St. Augustine. Salome county is situated in the most remote part of the eastern section of the State, with a lack of railroad and telegraph facilities.

To the Voters in the Republican Party of Johnston County.

We, the undersigned Republican executive committee of Pleasant Grove township, do take this method of endorsing Len. O. Ogburn, a man of this precinct, for the office of register of deed of Johnson county. Having known him all of his life we feel that we can not too highly recommend him to the voters of Johnston county, and could say much in his behalf, but as a multiplicity of words are useless when speaking of a business man, and especially just now. However, we beg of you to suffice us to say that we know Senator Ogburn to be a man whose character is without a blemish, a gentleman of the highest type, clean, truthful and honest; a man who had rather be than pretend to be; a man who believes in equal rights to all and special privileges to none; a man who prefers to add up instead of taking from—to build up rather than tear down. And for these reasons, together with others, we do most heartily endorse him and ask the voters of the Republican party of Johnston county to nominate him for the office of register of deeds. He is fully capable of the duties of this office. Nominate him and we promise you now that he will make a campaign as honest and gentlemanly as he is himself and win a victory for the Republican party in Johnston county.

Respectfully,
LEONARD JOHNSON,
J. L. KING,
Angier, R. F. D., N. C.

The President at Oyster Bay.

President Roosevelt and family have gone to their summer home at Oyster Bay where they will spend the remainder of the summer.

State's Exposition Building Sold.

The North Carolina Building at the Jamestown Exposition grounds has been sold to Mr. C. A. Woodward, of Norfolk, Va., for about \$5,000. The building cost about \$23,000.

Gen. Luke Wright to be Secretary of War.

Mr. W. H. Taft has resigned as Secretary of War, to take effect July 1st. Gen. Luke Wright, of Tennessee, has been appointed to succeed Secretary Taft.

"Oh, Death, Where is Thy Sting?"

The students of an Eastern college grew so reckless in their behavior that the professor one morning at chapel thought to reprove their conduct by a lecture on morality and humility. In the course of his lecture he said:

"My young friends, the floors of hell are paved with champagne, automobiles and chorus girls." He was horrified to hear one of the students say in a sepulchral tone: "Oh, death, where is thy sting?"