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EDITORIAL BRIEFS

Even the National Prohibition Convention had a steam roller.

It has been discovered that Woodrow Wilson has also written a book.

Wonder if Woodrow Wilson still has that desire to knock Bryan into a cocked-hat?

If the Democratic papers keep on printing Wilson's picture, they will make his defeat certain.

At least, all of the Democratic officeholders in this State believe in the third term, and then some.

Wouldn't you like to know who stole the free lumber and reciprocity planks out of Bryan's platform?

Hon. William J. Bryan is to meet in Chicago July 15th to decide on the program for Wilson's campaign.

If all those Democrats who are putting up for Wilson are good Democrats, then somebody has lied on them terribly.

Bryan now accuses some one of stealing his sidewalk while he was attending the Baltimore Convention. Probably some one mistook it for his platform.

An exchange says Simmons is pleased with the platform. Well, why shouldn't any kind of a platform suit Simmons, if he doesn't expect to stand on it?

One paper says party sentiment never counted for less than it counts for now. That being true, the Democratic vote in the South will be sure to dwindle.

A news item says that Wilson will conform to precedent. If he does he will be defeated, as that is the precedent set by the former Democratic candidates.

If the Democratic Committee should decide that a Democrat is one who believes in every plank in the platform, there will be very few to vote in the Senatorial primary.

Judging from an editorial in the Louisville Courier Journal, the editor of that paper has not definitely decided whether he will vote for Woodrow Wilson or for his Satanic majesty.

The Democratic leaders say they are delighted with the nomination of Woodrow Wilson. No matter who had been nominated at Baltimore the leaders would be talking just the same way—it's a habit with them.

The Baltimore Sun says Wilson is the ablest candidate the Democrats have had since Grover Cleveland. Certainly the Sun does not expect Messrs. Parker and Bryan to subscribe to that statement.

Will Senator Simmons have the nerve and the cheek to stick up again for his "friend Lorimer" when the test comes again this week? We expect to see the "brave" Senator have another case of cold feet and take the back track.

The Democratic State Committee held a meeting in this city Tuesday night, lasting until 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, trying to decide what is a Democrat, but adjournment was taken before the much mooted question was decided.

The progressive Lincoln Republicans of Michigan are preparing to hold a great meeting under "the oaks" at Jackson in that State on July 20th, where the Republican party was born fifty-eight years ago and declare again for human freedom and this time to denounce white slavery as well as black slavery.

The Democratic papers have told all about Woodrow Wilson, his family, domestics and all, but they have failed thus far to state whether their candidate for Vice-President salts his cattle every morning before breakfast and whether he takes a long horseback ride across the mountains every day. Of course all this information must be furnished before the Democrats will know whether to line up solidly behind him.

PROHIBITIONIST MEET.

Will Name Candidate For President and Vice-President—To Discuss Woman Suffrage and Initiate Referendum and Recall.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 7.—The National Prohibition Convention with nearly 1,000 delegates in attendance, will open in this city Wednesday morning to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President and map out plans for the fall campaign. The Prohibitionists believe that the party is in a position to make a strong bid for national support in November and the convention promises to be one of the most interesting in years.

In addition to the vital question of prohibition traffic in liquor, the convention expects to wrestle with the problem of women suffrage and some form of the initiative, referendum and recall.

Many delegates already are in the city and practically all the members of the national committee for the meeting of that body tomorrow night. This meeting is expected to be a lively one. National Chairman Charles R. Jones will have several opponents when he comes up for re-election, one of the most formidable spoken of being W. G. Calderwood, of Minneapolis, secretary of the committee.

The race for the Presidential nomination appears to be an open one. Eugene W. Chafin, of Illinois, and Arizona, who headed the party ticket four years ago, is again urged for the place, and there is a decided boom for his running mate at that time, Aaron S. Watkins, of Ohio.

R. H. Patton, of Springfield, Illinois, is another candidate much talked of. Joshua Levering of Baltimore, the prohibition standard bearer in 1896 and Madison Larkin, of Scranton, Pa., both appear to have an enthusiastic following.

THE NEW OFFICIAL FLAG.

National Emblem With Forty-Eight Stars Goes Into Effect.

A banner that never before was seen on land nor sea now floats in the breezes not only in up-to-date places in Charlotte, but throughout the United States and on American ships, consulates and embassies throughout the world.

The flag which went into effect yesterday contains forty-eight stars, two more than the Stars and Stripes have ever hitherto borne. The two additions are emblematic of two new States, Arizona and New Mexico, which were recently admitted. By long-standing custom, the change wrought by the addition of one or more States becomes effective on the following Fourth of July. The flag which passed into history at midnight of Wednesday had been official since July 4, 1907, when Oklahoma assumed the rights and the dignity of full-fledged Statehood.

Those who have a passion for order and regularity (other than party) will be pleased at the change. The best that could be done in the arrangement of forty-six stars has been to lead off with one row of 8, follow with a row of 7, then two rows of 8, one of 7 and then one of 8. The new flag has 6 rows containing 8 stars each.—Charlotte Observer.

Liquor Furnished Free in Democratic Primary to Those Who Voted "Right."

Hickory is a "dry town," except a little must be kept up with for party's sake. Must not hurt party, you know. In campaigns we are "bliged to have a little for the boys or they mightn't vote right.

It's said there's plenty round now, and only one ticket out and the campaign hardly begun yet. Read the following clipped from the Landmark:

"Since the advent of prohibition not only has liquor been tabooed in Statesville drug-stores, but the town has never had a liquor club—locker or any other kind—nor a 'ni-beer' saloon. If liquor is sold here at all it is by blind tigers, and these are very few and far between. There is no semi-legalized business. At the recent Democratic primary liquor was unusually plentiful, but it was furnished free to those who voted 'right,' not sold."

Heavy Snow Ties Up Mountain Railway.

Washington, D. C., July 6.—To the newspaper men who mopped their brows and railed at the Washington summer, Acting Secretary of the State Wilson this afternoon gave out copies of a dispatch stating that traffic on the Trans-Andean Railway between Valparaiso and Buenos Aires was blocked on account of "an unusually heavy snowfall."

The American Consul at Valparaiso, a much-envied man from a weather point of view, sent the message. The dispatch said that it is improbable that the railway can be re-opened before August or September.

REPUBLICANS CONFERENCE

Will the Republicans of the State Determine Between Taft and Roosevelt?

THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Conference of Roosevelt Supporters in Greensboro Monday Was Harmonious and Unanimous in its Action—Action of Chicago Convention Not Binding Upon the Allegiance of Republicans—Favor Instructing the Twelve Electors in This State to Vote for Col. Roosevelt as the Legitimate Candidate of the Party for President.

A number of prominent Republicans in this State met in Greensboro Monday to agree upon a plan of concerted action as to the course to be taken by the Republican organization in this State in regard to the Presidential electors, as well as other matters for the good of the cause. The call for the Greensboro meeting had been issued by National Committeeman Richmond Pearson, Hon. Zeb Vance Walsler, Roosevelt State Campaign Manager and Col. W. S. Pearson, Secretary of the State Roosevelt organization.

There were a number of prominent Republicans present from all sections of the State. Among those present and who participated in the meeting were National Committeeman Richmond Pearson of Asheville; Hon. Zeb Vance Walsler, of Lexington; Ex-Senator Marion Butler, of Elliott; Col. W. S. Pearson, of Charlotte; Ex-Congressman C. H. Cowles, of Wilkesboro; Mr. McGuire, of Surry; Col. V. S. Lusk, of Asheville; Chairman Hiram Worth, of Guilford; James N. Williamson, of Alamance; Dr. Pearson, of Wayne; and W. S. Bailey, of Nash.

The conference, which lasted for about an hour, was executive, but after adjournment Hon. Richmond Pearson and Ex-Senator Marion Butler, authorized to give a statement to the press, reported that the meeting was unanimously harmonious. They further reported that it was stated in the meeting that a majority of the North Carolina delegation that declared Col. Roosevelt the Republican nominee for President. Many of those who attended the meeting in Greensboro Monday were delegates to the Chicago convention.

The Resolution Adopted.

By unanimous agreement it was decided to submit the question of Roosevelt's rightful nomination to the Republican precinct primaries when delegates are selected to the State convention. This was presented in the form of the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"First. We cannot endorse the action of the recent National Convention at Chicago, or recognize such action as binding upon the allegiance of Republicans.

"Second. We favor the submission of the issue as to which is the rightful nominee, Taft or Roosevelt, by way of referendum to the precinct primaries throughout the State.

"Third. We will abide by the action of the next Republican State Convention, based on instructions given in such precinct primaries.

"Fourth. We favor instructions to the twelve electors to be chosen by the State Convention binding them to vote for Theodore Roosevelt as the rightful and only legitimate candidate of the party for the Presidency."

The party will not send any delegates to convention to be held in Chicago August 5, as they have already nominated Col. Roosevelt, but any Republican who desires can attend the convention.

The Chicago Convention.

An editorial from the Detroit News, which before the National Convention was a supporter of Mr. Taft, was read in the conference by National Committeeman Pearson, and he afterwards gave a copy to the press, because he said it defined the position of those who were in attendance at the Greensboro meeting. The editorial referred to follows:

"There were ten men at the Republican National Convention in Chicago writing for the Detroit News. All of these men are writers of wide experience in political affairs, some of them having attended every National Convention for twenty years. Each was at liberty to write reports of current events just as he saw them. Two have a dislike for Theodore Roosevelt that amounts to almost a hatred, but every one of the ten agreed on one proposition. It was that William Howard Taft did not have enough duly elected delegates to control the convention and nominate himself. The reports sent to this pa-

per and to every other paper of the country that had enough representatives at the convention to get the doings of the convention from every angle indicate beyond doubt that the National Committee of the Republican party, being deeply partisan in favor of Mr. Taft, realized that he did not have enough delegates to control the convention, and deliberately set about it to unseat duly elected delegates opposed to Mr. Taft and seat his friends. The extent to which this was practiced differs somewhat in the reports. The least number by any reliable writer places the figure at seventy-two, while others, including Mr. Roosevelt's strongest advocates, place it at ninety. In either case, enough were taken to insure a Taft majority and leave a few to spare should there be a slip on the part of a few delegates."

State Convention in August.

The next State Convention will be held in August, probably on the 15th. The opinion of many of those who attended the Greensboro meeting that the sentiment among the Republicans in the State was ten to one for Roosevelt and that they will predominate at the next State Convention overwhelmingly.

JILTED PRINCE ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Said to Have Wanted to Marry Miss Mary Duke, of Durham.

A New York dispatch of July 4th says:

The Sun prints a cable from Paris which says: Prince Ludovic Pignatelli, reputed a distant relation of the King of Spain, shot himself last night as a consequence, it is said, of disappointment in his suit for the hand of an American girl.

According to report, the Prince has been brooding for several months over his failure to win the American girl.

The Prince is well known to many Americans both in Paris and in New York, where he was at one time reported engaged to Miss Mary L. Duke, daughter of Benjamin N. Duke and heiress to \$60,000,000. The Prince is in his thirty-fourth year and his family is also reputed wealthy.

The young Prince was twenty-eight when he toured America in 1908. His last visit was last winter, when he met Miss Duke.

Their engagement was denied and it was said a question of religion prevented the Prince's marriage. He is a distant cousin of the King of Spain.

FORTY KILLED IN A WRECK.

Dnager Signals Were Not Displayed and Two Passenger Trains Collided.

Corning, N. Y., July 4.—Westbound Lackawanna passenger train No. 9, from New York, due to arrive at Corning at 4:47 a. m., composed of two engines, a baggage car, three Pullmans and two day coaches, in the order named, was demolished at Gibson, three miles east of Corning this morning by express train No. 11, due at Corning at 5:10 a. m. Forty-one persons were killed and between fifty and sixty injured. Many of the victims were holiday excursionists bound to Niagara Falls, who had boarded the train at points along the line.

The wreck was the worst in the history of the road. Its cause according to Engineer Schroeder, of the express, was his failure to see signals set against his train. The morning was foggy and he said he could not make them out.

NEGRO "INDEPENDENTS" BOLT

Because Their League Would Not Condemn Taft and Roosevelt Over the Brownsville Affair.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 7.—A bolt of one-third of the convention, led by four officers of the convention, occurred last night at the convention of the National Independent Political League, when that organization of negro voters failed to pass resolutions "condemning both Taft and Roosevelt for their attitude in the Brownsville affair."

The bolters declare that in "failing to censure Roosevelt and Taft, the convention has receded from its stand taken four years ago."

The platform adopted commends the work and worth of ex-Senators Foraker and Bulkeley, who are declared to have met "political death fighting for the colored race."

Other planks call for Congressional action making lynching a Federal crime under the sole jurisdiction of the United States courts; and State and National laws making it unlawful for trades unions to discriminate against negroes. "Jim crow" cars and the segregation of negroes in places of amusement and elsewhere are protested against.

CREATED EXCITEMENT IN CHURCH.

Father Was Afraid Baptism Would Kill His Daughter and Made Speech in Church—Was Fined.

Little Rock, Ark., July 6.—"As long as you pray and go on like this you are just making your way to hell as fast as you can."

This was one of the declarations made by L. H. Walker, who was fined \$25 and costs by the Lawrence County Circuit Court on a charge of disturbing religious worship. He appealed the case to the Supreme Court which has just affirmed the lower court.

Walker is a prominent politician of Lawrence County and made the race for Representative in the last campaign on a single tax platform. His stepdaughter joined the Christian Church, or Church of the Disciples, at Opposition. Walker went to the church that evening and asked permission to make a statement regarding the baptism of his daughter, which was granted. He said that he and his wife objected to the baptism of their daughter, on account of her health, fearing she could not stand the ordeal, and she had been afflicted with heart trouble.

"You are not doctors," said Walker, "and if you go ahead and baptize my daughter and she dies in the attempt or in the act, her mother and I will hold the congregation responsible as murderers."

One witness said that Walker appeared to be looking for a club. Witnesses testified that Walker was wildly excited. One woman fainted and was carried out.

Walker denied looking for a club, explaining that he was looking for his hat and disclaimed any intention to disturb the congregation. He said he spoke as mildly as he could.

In passing upon the case, the Supreme Court holds that "it is not essential that the accused should have the specific intent to disturb the congregation in order to constitute the offense. It was only necessary in this case to show that appellant maliciously or contemptuously acted in a way to disturb a disquiet the congregation assembled for religious worship. The disturbance of a single member of a congregation assembled for religious worship, in contemplation of the law, is a disturbance of the congregation."

SENATOR BOURNE AGAINST PRESIDENT TAFT.

Must Look to the Fraudulent Delegates for His Election.

(Washington Post.)

"My attitude toward the re-election of President Taft was publicly announced many months ago in an open letter to the voters of my State," said Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon at the New Willard last night. "I then declared that if Mr. Taft should be renominated in a fair and lawful manner, in accordance with the expressed wish of the Republicans of the country, I would support him, but if he should be nominated by the steam-roller methods that have too often prevailed in the past, I would oppose his election.

"There were in the recent convention at Chicago 1,078 delegates, of whom 540 were required for a majority. Mr. Taft received 561 votes, but in these were 251 votes, cast by delegates chosen by steam-roller methods from the States, Territories, and island possessions that never cast an electoral vote for a Republican candidate. The representation from those Southern States is out of all proportion to the Republican vote in the general election.

"By no manipulation of figures can Mr. Taft demonstrate that he is the choice of a majority of the Republicans of the United States. He has chosen to force his renomination by using the Southern delegates. Let him look to them for his election."

Has 152 Living Descendants.

(From the London Daily Mail.)

Henry Smallwood, aged ninety-one, formerly employed as a chair-maker of High Wycombe, has 152 descendants living, including ninety-three great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. He has a brother aged ninety-two and a sister aged eighty. A son, a grandson, a great-grandson and a great-great-grandson are all named Henry.

Lack of Harmony at Baltimore.

Wilmington Star.]

Too many hisses! Too many jeers! Lack of harmony among Democrats has been too much in evidence at Baltimore. The differing elements in the National Democratic Convention were too strong for any man to have been so full of folly as to have sprung any question that would have divided the convention into two strong factions. Harmony ought to have been the first thing on the program, but it wasn't. It is the last thing on the program.

SOME MODERN HISTORY

Great Excitement at Bilkinsville Over Political Situation

A REAL SAD MISTAKE

Tennessee Limestone Water Falls to Soothe the Average Democratic Stomach—Something About Some Recent Political Happenings—Democratic Conventions Often Figure in the Courts—The Painted Braves and W. J. Bryan Made Things Happen at Baltimore—Something About Mr. Roosevelt, a Man of Presidential Calibre—The Major is For Roosevelt and Fifteen Cent Cotton.

Bilkinsville, N. C., July 8, 1912.

Correspondence of The Caucasian-Enterprise.

They iz still grate excitement in Bilkinsville on account of the way politics, both State an' national, air runnin'. Things hain't bin so hot an' mixed since the drinkin' element of our population got alarmed several years ago an' voted the prohibition ticket awmost unanimous under the impression, I suppose, that liker would be made better in quality an' more plentiful in quantity if we'd vote hit out altogether. Lots of our leadin' sitizens who had an' offa been buzzin' in their bonnets hain't landed yet, an' they admit that the drouth iz well-nigh unbearable, for they now hev to haul their drinkables from Virginia, Kentucky an' Chattanooga, Tenn., an' awl admit that the Tennessee limestone water they get by express at \$2.50 an' upwards, with the express added, iz not apt to sooth the savage dymakrat stomach.

Well, politicks air warmin' up a bit. We hev bin watchin' the papers some lately, an' hev found that the Taft, Duncan, Harris an' Daniels Co., (limited) carried things in the so-called Republican National Convention lately held at Chicago, an' that Woodthrow Wilson an' W. J. Bryan, (limited) an' Jodeseevus Daniels an' Funnyfold Simmons carried the day at Baltimore. At least the police records at Baltimore air bein' used as evidence that sich iz a fact. Hit hez got so lately that Dymakrat Conventions nearly awlways agger in the police courts. I see by the papers that hit took the aid ov nearly two hundred policemen an' practical the entire fire department of Baltimore, to say nothin' ov the painted braves from Back Bay and Calhoun street to comb William J. Bryan's hair every mornin' durin' the prevalence of the National Dymakrat Convention at Baltimore; an' hit took the convention five or more days to do twenty minutes' work. Hit iz further reported that the Dymakrats ov Baltimore an' most ov the counties ov Maryland became excited durin' the sittin' ov the Dymakrat National Convention, an' though the election iz yet several months hence, they went out an' stole 50,000 votes between the plant ov the Maryland Steel Co., near Baltimore, an' the Blue Mountain Hotel, in Western Maryland.

Yes, Mr. Taft, a citizen ov Ohio, a man who hez bin highly honored by the American people, got some kind ov an endorsement at Chicago some days ago. What he got wuz un-American; hit wuz not like what we had been led to expect at the hands ov a man who had been given the greatest political office on the earth, not like what we expected from 'iz friends. An' Mr. Wilson, an educator ov prominence, iz the product ov a howlin' mob ov red shirt citizens in part who met at Baltimore a few days ago an' made a bid for support at the hands ov people better than the party he belongs to. Well, candor compels us to admit that the Baltimore convention mite hev done worse, hit mite hev flaut-ed Mr. Bryan in our face again—Bryan the smart but disturbin' element in American politics; Bryan the man who ought to know better; Bryan, the man who, if newspaper reports be true, acted the baby in politics no longer ago than durin' the recent national convention ov his party less than ten days ago, or I am no judge ov how a grown-up man ought to act, fresh proof to my way ov lookin' at things that he iz unfit for the responsibilities of a great office, such as the presidency. But the Baltimore convention did "throw a tub to the whale" by nominatin' Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bryan's man, so Mr. Bryan intimates. But if either ov the several candidates placed before the Baltimore convention had been chosen, we hev no guarantee that he would not hev been the choice ov Mr. Bryan; he would hev thrown up his

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