

ROOSEVELT DOWNS SHERMAN AND OLD GUARDS IN FIGHT

Barnes Concedes the Defeat of Vice President Sherman for Temporary Chairman--The Fight Overshadows The Main Business--Woodruff Nominates Sherman and Says He Never Knew the Colonel Would be a Candidate Until Griscom Spoke Up--Platform of Progressives.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 27.—Colonel Roosevelt will be elected temporary chairman of the Republican State convention which was scheduled to meet at noon today.

William Barnes, Jr., leader of the old guard, in a statement to The Associated Press shortly before ten o'clock, said:

"Vice President Sherman will have 499 votes out of the 1,015 which will be cast on the floor. That is my guess. It may be that a few of the counties in the roll call, seeing the way things are going, will switch over to the progressives.

Barnes Concedes Defeat. SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 27.—Though Barnes conceded the defeat of the Vice President for temporary chairman, he intimated there would be a fight on the floor of the convention.

State Chairman Woodruff will make a statement defining the position of the old guard with respect to the selection of Sherman by the State committee and it is not unlikely that Mr. Barnes will have something to say.

Fighting Bossism and Corruption. On the opening day of the Republican State convention, which is to determine whether the progressives under Theodore Roosevelt, or the "old guard" should control, found leaders and delegates early in evidence.

The conduct of a majority of the State committee last evening puts in the clearest light what this contest really is. The statements of Messrs. Griscom, Krulwich, Kracke, Wannamaker and Henkel prove conclusively the trickery that was used in the effort to win a majority and keep the management of the party under the control of the men who have been discredited by their actions.

"Who else, indeed, could by the State, unless actuated by some ulterior motive, have been thought of to speak for the national administration in this, his own State, which with unanimity and enthusiasm presented him two years ago at Chicago as the choice for the second highest office in the gift of the people?"

"A precedent for the designation of the Vice President as temporary chairman of the convention by the State committee at its meeting last month," Mr. Woodruff added, "was wisely established two years ago when Senator Root was elected at the meeting of the State committee held a month before the convention.

"As chairman of the Republican State committee," Mr. Woodruff's statement continues, "no one had ever suggested to me, or, as far as I know, to any other member of the committee, the name of any other person than the Vice President as temporary chairman until Mr. Griscom, sitting in the committee as a proxy, moved to substitute another name for that of Vice President Sherman after the latter's name had been properly presented. What was the object of this action?"

"The correspondence between Colonel Roosevelt and myself just after the meeting of the State committee, shows more clearly than can otherwise be presented that his opposition to the selection of Vice President Sherman was not based on any personal grounds, but because he desired an opportunity to present his views as to the policies which should hereafter guide the destinies of the Republic.

The fight for control quite overshadowed the main business of the convention, that of making nominations for Governor and other State

HAVING THEIR DAYS AT THE EXPOSITION

This is Atlanta Day, Floral Parade Day, Georgia Day, Negro Day and the Opening Day of the Pigeon and Pet Stock Show at the Appalachian Exposition.

(By Associated Press) KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 27.—Atlanta day, floral parade day, Georgia day, negro day and opening of the pigeon and pet stock show are features of the Appalachian Exposition today. Mayor R. F. Maddox and 500 citizens of Atlanta, arrived this morning at 7 o'clock on a special train over the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. They were met at the station by a reception committee and marched through the business district headed by two bands and the Atlanta Red Men's drum corps. The visitors witnessed the automobile flower parade at noon and attended a reception at the exposition grounds tendered by President W. J. Oliver at 10:30. Special entertainment features are being presented for them this afternoon. Negro day attracted several thousand negroes from all parts of the South. A negro parade through the city was followed by an address at the exposition grounds by Rev. C. T. Walker of Augusta, Ga., a leading negro preacher.

The pigeon and pet stock show opened this morning to continue for one week. This is the first pigeon show ever presented in the South. More than 1,500 birds are entered.

This morning a meeting of officials of the Tennessee Federation of Women's Clubs was held and followed by a luncheon.

GREAT AVIATOR PASSES AWAY

George Chavez Who Starded the World a Few Days Ago by His Flight in a Monoplane Across the Alps Mountains, Dies of Injuries Sustained in a Fall.

(By Associated Press) ILAN, Italy, Sept. 27.—A message from Domodossola says that George Chavez, the Peruvian aviator, died there at 2:25 o'clock this afternoon.

Chavez started the world a few days ago when in an attempt to win a prize of \$20,000 offered to the first air man who should fly across the Alps mountains, he started on a flight from Brig, Switzerland, to Milan, Italy. After several starts he had to light because of the dense haze that covered the mountain peaks. Finally he struck good weather and made the most wonderful flight yet recorded in the annals of aviation, but at the little town of Domodossola a stiff breeze upset his machine and he fell to the ground. Chavez was fatally injured and his machine was totally destroyed.

DISSENSIONS IN CATHOLIC RANKS

Catholic Newspapers Are Filled With Stories of Cabinet Dissensions and Predict That the Manifestations Next Sunday Will Force Premier Canalejas to Retire.

(By Associated Press) MADRID, Sept. 27.—The Catholic newspapers here are filled with stories of cabinet dissensions and predict that the manifestations to be held next Sunday will force Premier Canalejas to retire on the eve of the assembling of the Cortes on October 3. They say further that Romanones, president of the chamber of deputies will succeed Senor Canalejas. The latter's friends declare that these reports are part of the clerical campaign.

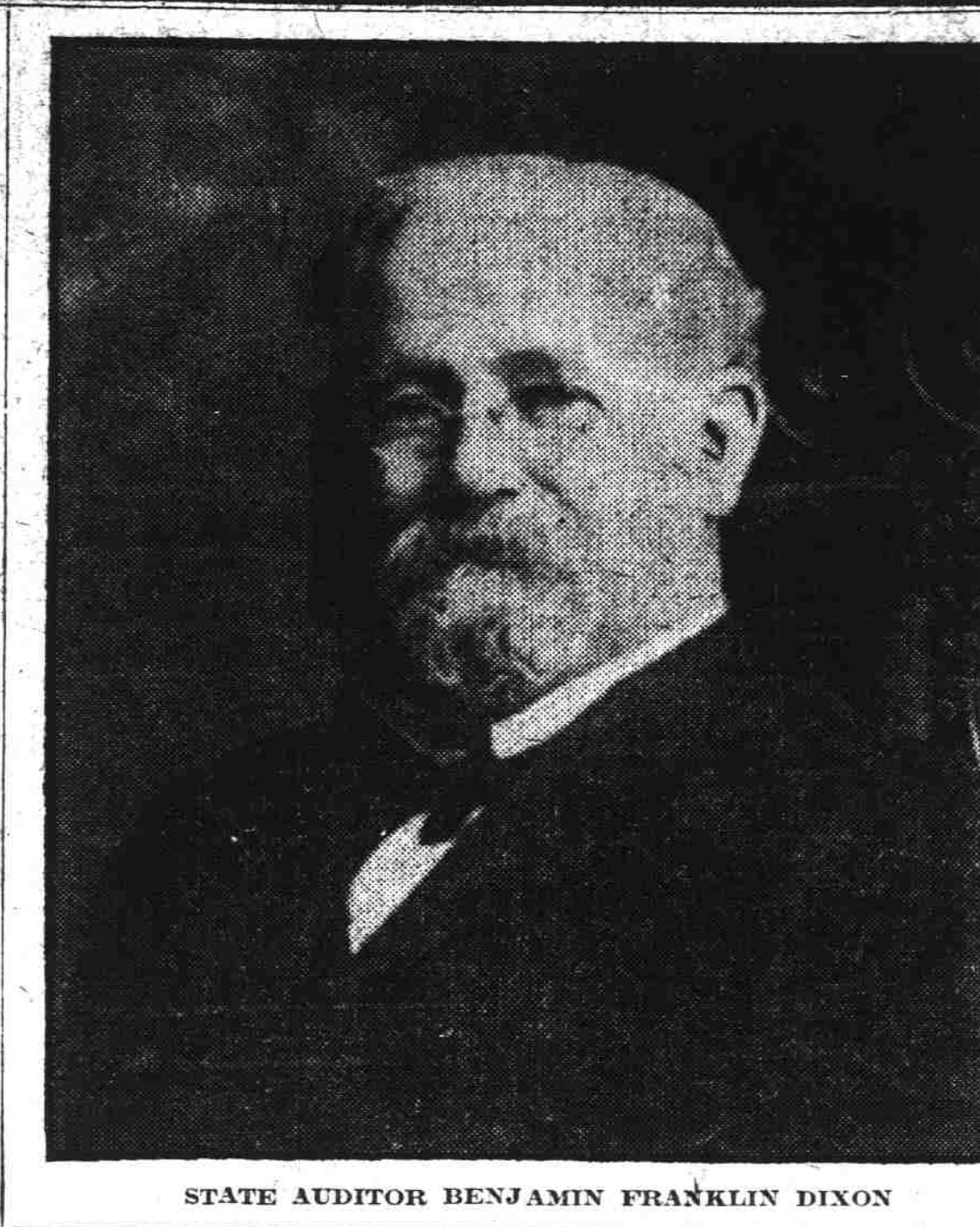
can party. "Perhaps I had better read my letter to him and his letter to me: "August 17, 1910.

"Col. Theodore Roosevelt, "Oyster Bay, L. I. "My Dear Colonel Roosevelt:

"It cannot be possible that it is necessary for me to tell you that the action of the State committee yesterday, in which I participated, was in no sense intended as an act of hostility toward you or one of reflection upon you.

"I saw Ward and Barnes after their talk with you and they told me what you had said about this whole matter and I hope you know, despite some things to the contrary which the newspapers contained this morning, that they told you the exact facts. Not one of us supposed that your name would be presented without you notifying Ward, the national committeeman, or me, the chairman of the State committee, that you wished it done and I never was so much surprised in my life as when Griscom made the motion which he did. Not a word had been said to me before the meeting by anybody that indicated that this course was to be taken and I understood that neither Griscom nor any one else told Ward or Barnes or any of the other men of the committee that this was their purpose.

"Believing that you must appreciate the position in which, under the circumstances we suddenly found ourselves after they had agreed upon the selection of Sherman in conformity with the precedent established by the selection of Senator Root two years ago as temporary chairman, I beg to remain, with best wishes, "Yours respectfully, "TIMOTHY WOODRUFF,



STATE AUDITOR BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DIXON

ENDORSEMENT OF GIFFORD PINCHOT

There is a Blind Endorsement of Pinchot in the State Democratic Platform and Many Believe it Will Pass the Convention--Payne-Aldrich Tariff Act Warmly Denounced--Board of Tariff Experts a Subterfuge.

(By Associated Press) MADISON, Wis., Sept. 27.—When the Democratic State convention met here this morning it was the general belief that Gifford Pinchot would come in for a blind endorsement in the platform—his name though not mentioned, to be plainly inferred. The plan was prepared recently and leaders of the convention declared that it was certain to be adopted. It reads: "True to the policy and history of our party, we favor the conservation of our natural resources and denounce the present administration and especially Secretary Ballinger for dismissing from the public service tried and true officers whose only aim was the preservation to the people of such resources."

Delegates to three other conventions—the Republican, Prohibitionist and Social Democratic—were ready when their respective chairmen rapped for order and introduced the various temporary chairmen to make the keynote speeches reflecting respective political beliefs. A tariff plank substantially as follows was regarded as certain of adoption by the Democratic convention: "We hold that the Republican system of tariff protection, like any other system of laws which enabled the favored few to take, without consideration, a large portion of the earnings of toiling millions is economically unsound, politically corrupt, contrary to sound morals and is legalized robbery.

"We denounce the Payne-Aldrich tariff act as an indefensible masterpiece of injustice, legally authorizing remorseless extortions of the many to enrich the few through the operations of trusts and monopolies, which it fosters. "We favor any honest non-partisan investigation of the tariff by authorized experts, to the end that the elections may be enlightened as to the passage of the Payne-Aldrich bill and pledges candidates if elected to work for an honest revision downward of the tariff.

To Get Even With Husband She Drowns Her Child and Sets Fire to The Home

Special to The Chronicle. ANDERSON, S. C., Sept. 27.—To get even with her husband who, she said, had mistreated her, a negro woman living on the plantation of Mr. J. J. Smith, near Starr, S. C., placed her two children, aged 1 and 5 years respectively, in a barrel of water beneath a drain at her home, and then fired the house. The younger child was drowned, but the other managed to climb out of the barrel and told the neighbors of the act. She was arrested and has confessed her guilt of the crime. The house was destroyed with all its contents. The woman is in jail.

Unveiling Bronze Statue Of Stonewall Jackson

(By Associated Press) CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 27.—A bronze statue of General Thomas Jonathan ("Stonewall") Jackson will be unveiled today on the State capitol grounds by the local Daughters of the Confederacy. The statue represents General Jackson with one hand on his sword and the other grasping his field glasses. It is the first statue to be erected in the West Virginia capitol grounds and is about 20 feet high.

A parade will precede the unveiling. It will be headed by the "Stonewall Brigade" band of Staunton, Va., and a battalion of cadets of the Virginia Military Institute, where General Jackson was an instructor before the war; a battalion of the State guard, school children and veterans of both armies. Brig. Gen. B. S. Green will present the monument to the Daughters and Hon. John A. Preston, of Greenbrier, will make the speech of acceptance. Addresses will also be made by Robert White, Major General, West Virginia Division U. C. V. and by Sir Moses Ezekiel, the sculptor of the statue.

The oration of the day will be by General Bennett H. Young, commander of the Department of the Army of Tennessee.

STATE MOURNS DEATH OF STATE AUDITOR DIXON

Passed Away Suddenly at Midnight from an Attack of Angina Pectoris--Body Lies in State in Rotunda of Capitol, Awaiting Funeral Arrangements--Was a Statesman of Highest Type--Educator, Doctor, Minister and Legislator--Public is Grief-Stricken.

Special to The Chronicle. RALEIGH, Sept. 27.—The remains of Hon. B. F. Dixon, North Carolina's State Auditor, were laid in State this afternoon in the rotunda of the State Capitol building, there to remain until the funeral is arranged. It cannot be definitely arranged until late in the afternoon, when absent members of the family shall have reached here from western North Carolina.

The State House is draped in mourning, symbolic of the deep sorrow that overshadows this city and State at the sudden demise of this distinguished statesman. During his 65 years of life he has served the State well and long, as practicing physician, minister of the gospel, Confederate and Spanish-American soldier, as legislator and as a State officer of distinguished ability. Major Dixon's death at near midnight came as a great shock when the impression was abroad that he had already recovered from a terrible attack of angina pectoris he suffered a week ago. It looked as if he would be able to be removed from the hospital to his home to-day. Instead, he is laid in state in the capitol rotunda to receive death's last tribute of respect from a grief-stricken people who delighted to honor him in life.

On March 27, 1846, in Cleveland county, North Carolina, was born Hon. Benjamin Franklin Dixon. In 1864, he was elected to the legislature. The first of his family in America was Thomas Dixon, who came to North Carolina shortly before the Revolution. One of his grandsons, Thomas Dixon, was the father of Doctor Dixon, and a successful farmer of Cleveland county, strong in character, with moral views, particularly sympathetic on the subject of temperance, being himself a total abstemious and an early opponent of the liquor traffic.

Doctor B. F. Dixon received his schooling chiefly at White Plains Academy, in Cleveland county. When the war between the States began, though only a boy of fifteen years, he enlisted on April 25, 1861 in Company D of a regiment at first known as the Fourth Volunteers, and later as the Fourteenth North Carolina Regiment, C. S. A. This company was made up of volunteers from Cleveland county men. B. F. Dixon, being his brother, Edward Dixon, who in 1862 became major and died in the same year at Richmond. The successive regimental commanders were Colonels Junius Daniel (later brigadier-general, mortally wounded at Spottsylvania), P. W. Roberts, who died in the service, and Kluden Tyler Bennett. Despite his youth, the bravery and good conduct of B. F. Dixon procured for him an officer's commission on June 9, 1863, he being then appointed second lieutenant of Company G, Forty-ninth North Carolina. This company was also composed of Cleveland county men. The Colonel commanding the regiment while Mr. Dixon served in it was Lee M. McAfee of Cleveland county, who had succeeded Colonel Stephen Hammar, after a major's wound and mortally wounded at Cedar Creek.

To enumerate the various skirmishes and battles in which Captain Dixon participated would be a difficult undertaking. Among them, however, would be mentioned Yorktown, Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Malvern Hill, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Drury's Bluff and nine months' siege of Petersburg. After many perils, just at the close of the war, he was captured at Five Forks, April 1, 1865. This true soldier, who had been tried in some of the bloodiest battles known to history, a scarred veteran of four years' continued service in the Army of Northern Virginia, came home at the end before he had reached the age of twenty. He had perished his life on many fields in defense of his home; and now for a time laid aside the sword to take it up again thirty-three years later as a major of United States Volunteers in the war with Spain.

At the end of the war between the States, Captain Dixon took up the profession of teaching, being in charge of a school in his native county. After two years of educational work he determined to enter the ministry and passed a theological board, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He then connected himself with the South Carolina Conference and after the usual prescribed course of probation was regularly ordained. His first charge was at Sumter and later he was transferred to Monroe in the North Carolina Conference. Leaving there he went to his old home in Shelby and when there decided to resume the study of medicine which he had begun as a school teacher. He graduated from Charleston Medical College in 1874 and began the practice at a King's Mountain where he met with success and spent a period of nearly ten years. In 1883 he was elected superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum to succeed John H. Mills. After six years' service in that institution where he discharged his duties with marked ability, he was in 1890 elected by a

unanimous vote of the trustees of the trustees of the Greensboro Female College, president of that seminary. For some time he resumed control of both the Oxford and the Greensboro institutions. After four years in Greensboro he resigned and returned to Cleveland county where he was elected to the lower branch of the Legislature. When the war with Spain came on in 1898, Doctor Dixon was more than 50 years of age, yet the ardor of youth had never cooled and he promptly volunteered. He was commissioned major in the Second North Carolina Regiment of the U. S. Army. He was mustered out of service as an officer of volunteers at Raleigh, on November 26, 1898.

The marriage of Doctor Dixon (he is still better known as doctor than major) took place on July 7, 1877 to Mrs. Nora Catherine Durham, widow of the late Hon. Plato Durham, and daughter of Doctor J. W. Tracy, of Kings Mountain, and to the union was born a daughter and two sons. Both of the latter—B. F. Dixon, Jr., and Wright Tracy Dixon (twins)—were students at Trinity College when the war with Spain began, but left their studies to follow the example of their father by volunteering for service. In 1900 Doctor Dixon was nominated by the State Democratic convention for the office of State auditor. This was ratified by the people and he qualified January, 1901. This position he filled with the greatest satisfaction to his people up until the time of his death. It may be truthfully said that while he has been called to serve in many capacities, his versatility has been extraordinary and his powers of adaptation simply wonderful. He made speeches in every county in the State and was known and loved by all the people. The State hangs its head in sorrow for most every citizen of the State knew and loved him.

In fraternal orders he was much interested. He was a member of the Masons, past master of Greensboro Lodge, No. 76, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Two firemen overcome by fumes from burning whiskey and carbide—Loss of Property is Estimated at \$75,000. HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 27.—Two firemen were overcome by fumes from burning whiskey and carbide and narrowly escaped death from suffocation while fighting a fire late last night which almost totally destroyed the warehouse of the Houston Transfer & Carriage Company. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

WEATHER FORECAST CHARLOTTE, Sept. 27. Forecasts until 8 p. m. Wednesday. FOR CHARLOTTE AND VICINITY: Fair to-night and Wednesday, no marked change in temperature. FOR NORTH CAROLINA: Partly cloudy to-night and Wednesday.

WEATHER SUMMARY—The barometric depression that occupied the Mississippi valley on Monday morning has moved to the Great Lakes, being central today near Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. It has caused warmer weather in the lake region and rainfall in the middle and upper Mississippi valley, lake region and New England. Rain has also fallen within 24 hours along the South Atlantic and Gulf coasts, Charleston receiving a total amount of 1.88 inches, and Valdosta, Ga., 2.38 inches. The western high pressure and cool wave area has moved eastward to the Mississippi and southward into northern Texas, temperatures being 10 to 20 degrees lower in the middle and upper Mississippi valley, Kansas, Oklahoma and northern Texas. Warmer conditions prevail in the upper South, but temperatures are still below 40 degrees at numerous places, with freezing in Wyoming. In all districts no named above no temperature change of importance occurred and the weather remained fair. No change in the weather is indicated for Charlotte and vicinity during the next 26 hours.

COTTON REGION BULLETIN STATIONS OF WILMINGTON DISTRICT Temperature (Max. Min.) 26 DISTRICT For the 24 hours ending at 5 p. m. 25th meridian time, Tuesday, Sept. 27. Charlotte, cloudy 88 64 00 Cheraw, pt. cldy. 82 62 00 Florence, cloudy 82 60 00 Goldsboro, cloudy 82 58 00 Greensboro, clear 85 62 00 Lumberton, cloudy 84 62 00 Newbern, cloudy 84 62 00 Weldon, clear 88 60 00 Wilmington, cloudy 80 68 00 HEAVY RAINFALL. Charleston, S. C. 1.33 Valdosta, Ga. 2.60 W. V. MARTIN, Observer.