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## IT IS ALL A GREAT ROW.

THE WORK OF NOMINATING NOT YET REACHED.

**The Chairman Breaks His Gavel—Tom Settle's Motion Raises Great Hubbub and is Defeated—Calling the Roll of Counties—Eleven Counties in Contest, with 36 Delegates—The Great Republican Menagerie Awake and in Full Cry at Raleigh.**

[By Regular Press Report.]

RALEIGH, N. C., May 15.—After waiting twenty four hours for the report of the committee on credentials, the second day's session of the State Republican convention began today. Dockery's gold standard delegates were seated. Either Dockery, or Boyd, both sound money men, will be nominated late this afternoon. Sixteen of the twenty-two delegates favor McKinley.

[Special to THE NEWS.]

RALEIGH, N. C., May 15.—The Republican State Convention that met here at noon yesterday has done nothing yet.

The committee on credentials was in session all day and all night and reported at noon today.

The report was split into three parts, all conflicting.

Eleven counties with 36 votes are contested and these votes will decide the Governorship. As soon as the reports came in, Cook, of Warren, moved that the contestants all speak to the convention and let that settle the matter. Tom Settle, the young Reed leader, moved to table his motion. The vote was taken amid the wildest confusion and disorder. Fusses and wrangles, whooping and shrieking came one after another. Some one yelled "this is a stab at Senator Pritchard. Jackson county changes its vote."

Then pandemonium broke loose for thirty five minutes, the convention was wild. Chairman Holton broke his gavel and shrieked himself hoarse. Settle and Wood and fifty others tried to speak but were drowned in the uproar. At last Senator Pritchard came forward and got a hearing. Then things calmed down enough to let the vote be announced. Settle's motion was defeated.

The committee reports were both laid in the background. The counties were voted on separately and each contestant was allowed to speak. This will occupy all the afternoon. All the calculations are upset and nobody now knows what the convention will do.

The decision by the credential committee as rendered last night was: Craven, delegation divided; Cumberland, delegation divided; Edgecombe, Lee Person's crowd turned down; Franklin, Williamson's crowd seated; Halifax, contest withdrawn; Mecklenburg, delegation divided; Union, Hasten's crowd seated; Wake, Nichols's crowd seated; Wilson, Sharp's crowd turned down; Wilkes, Mott's crowd seated.

The State Republicans.

The newly elected executive committee of the Republican party met in Raleigh Saturday and organized a campaign committee of five. The following members was selected: R. O. Patterson, H. L. Grant, Tyre Glenn, James H. Young, J. C. Dancy. This committee is to act in conjunction with Chairman Holton, and practically controls his office. The Campaign Committee met and elected the following officers: R. O. Patterson, chairman, and J. W. Hyams, of Mitchell county, secretary. Mr. Hyams succeeds Logue Harris. All the members of the committee are Pritchard men and were selected at his suggestion.

The complete ticket elected by the Raleigh convention is as follows:

For United States Senator—Jeter C. Pritchard.

For Governor—D. L. Russell.

For Attorney General—Z. V. Walser.

For Auditor—Ruff Henderson, of Wilkes.

For Associate Justice—R. M. Douglass.

Chairman (in name only) Executive Committee—A. E. Holton.

Virtual Chairman, with full powers—J. C. Pritchard.

Delegates to the National convention—J. C. Pritchard and James E. Boyd.

Electors at large—H. A. Gudger and O. J. Spears.

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## BOIES FOR PRESIDENT.

**Iowa Puts Forward Her Fine Old Man as Leader.**

DUBUQUE, Ia., May 20.—Nearly 1,000 delegates in the Democratic State convention, two-thirds of them wearing silk badges with a picture of ex-Governor Boies and the inscription, "Free Coinage," 16 to 1, and Horace Boies for President," trooped into the Grand Opera house this morning.

The committee on credentials reported in favor of seating the contesting (silver) delegates from Blackhawk county, headed by ex-Governor Boies, and the convention adopted the report by an overwhelming majority. No roll call was demanded. Nominations for delegates at large were next in order

Ex-Governor Boies was named as first delegate and it was moved he be elected by acclamation. There was a small negative vote, but the chair declared that the motion had been carried unanimously. This provoked a storm of hisses.

The first real test of strength between the silver and gold elements arose on the ballot for second delegate at large.

S. B. Evans of Ottumwa, the free silver nominee, defeated Judge Walter I. Babb of Mount Pleasant. The vote was: Evans 649 1-2; Babb 280 1-2.

Babb was the nominee for Governor last year. The minority gave up the contest at this point and Will A. Wells, editor of the Alton Democrat, was selected as third delegate by acclamation.

Lewis G. Young of Hastings was named as the fourth delegate without opposition. The business proper of the convention having been disposed of, ex Governor Boies was presented and accorded a tumultuous reception. His remarks were brief, and elicited little enthusiasm.

The platform was for silver and protests against bond issues.

**Two Good Men Dead.**

Mr. W. A. Sossamon, one of the most prominent men of Mecklenburg, died yesterday afternoon at his home in Huntersville, at the age of 78 years. He leaves a wife and five children. Mr Sossamon was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church and was a most excellent man in all the relations of life. He was held in high esteem by all our people.

Mr. Larkin Hipp, a good soldier and a good citizen, died at his home in Paw Creek township Tuesday afternoon. He was 65 years of age and leaves a wife and three children. He had been sick for a couple of months. Mr. Hipp served in Company L, 37th North Carolina Regiment and had a fine record as a soldier. His body was buried Wednesday at Paw Creek church. Among those who attended was Capt. Wm. Morrison Stitt, who was Captain of Mr. Hipp's old company.

**A Great Crop of Fruit.**

The fruit crop throughout the county promises to be immense. It is not often that two good fruit years come in succession. Last year was a good one for fruit, but this year promises to be a still better one. The peach trees are loaded down, and the crop of cherries, apples and pears is as promising as ever known in Mecklenburg. The dry weather is cutting the berry crop short, and there will not be so many blackberries and strawberries as usual, but the outlook for other fruit could not be better.

**Drove a Horse to Death.**

Officer Baker and Mr. Charles Wadsworth went over to Concord Tuesday morning and returned with a negro named Jim Miller, who drove one of Mr. Wadsworth's horses to death. The horse died soon after Miller got to Concord. In the buggy were broken pieces of a steel whip. The negro had used it up on the horse. The horse was a black, and Mr. Wadsworth had only a day or two ago refused an offer of $135 cash for the animal. Miller is in the guard house. There ought to be a special law for cases of this kind.

**Cotton Facts.**

The cotton movement of the United States from September 1 to May 15th, inclusive, as furnished THE TIMES by the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, shows total number of bales in sight this year 6,763,228, against 9,614,112, in 1895; 7,231,027 in 1894, and 6,330,277 in 1893. The total supply this season is 7,073,192 bales against 9,850,142 for the same period last season

—Dr. W. P. Craven, of Long Creek township, turned over to THE NEWS Wednesday, $13.50 for the Vance monument.

## RUSSELL IS THE NOMINEE.

RESULTS OF THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION AT RALEIGH.

**The Nomination Was Made After Midnight on the Seventh Ballot—Fusion Resolutions dopted—Close of the Great Circus—Douglass for Associate Justice and Walser for Attorney General—Russell an Unpalatable Dose for all Decent People.**

Daniel L. Russell, of Wilmington, for Governor!

That was the nomination made by the Republican State convention at 1:30 o'clock this morning. The nomination was made on the 7th ballot, in the midst of scenes that were both exciting and rowdy. The Republicans nominated a man who will never be Governor of this State. Many of his own party will not support him. There are many Populists who have too much self respect to vote for Russell. The decent element of both the Republican and Populist party will join with the Democrats in averting the calamity of Russell's election. There is not one reason why he should be elected Governor, and every reason why he should not. He is a vicious man, full of venom and spite and will descend to any depth of meanness to to wreak his vengeance. Of that he has a great store. He has been harboring an accumulation since 1876, and once in the Governor's chair, he would inaugurate a rule of vengeance and despotism, and would subject the people of the State to such degradation as would make North Carolina the pity of the nation. Nobody can trust him, and none know this better than his own friends. The Populists who may enlist under his banner will find, when too late, that his treachery knows no bounds. He is the essence of negro rule and he would put it on thicker than the State ever before knew it. Our State has known many evil days, but the blackest in all its record, past or to come, would be the day when Russell would be elected Governor.

The resolutions adopted were:

Resolved, That the delegates elected by this convention to the National Convention at St. Louis are instructed and directed to vote for that typical American and ideal citizen, William McKinley, of Ohio, for President so long as his name is before the convention.

The fusion resolutions state that the committees of the two parties met in Raleigh to effect co-operation, and that after the Republicans submitted a proposition as a basis for co-operation, it was declined by Populists. The proposition arranged for an equal division of State offices, the Republicans, taking the Governor, complete co-operation in Congressional and legislative districts as in '94, and two distinct electoral tickets.

The resolutions further state: And whereas, at that time the offer was declined by the Populist committee; and, whereas, since then, to-wit: on the 24th day of May, it has been officially communicated to the Republican Convention by the Populists that they favor co-operation with the Republicans on State and Congressional and local affairs in accordance with the proposition submitted by the Republicans; therefore,

Resolved, That the Republicans in convention assembled ratify and confirm that proposition, and will nominate candidates only in accordance therewith.

The scenes in the convention that put up Russell were of the most rowdy character. It was not until 10:30 o'clock last night that the balloting began. The first ballot stood: Russell 97 3-7; Dockery 94 4-7; Boyd 20; Moody 18; Lusk 4. Second ballot, Russell 101 3-7; Dockery 90 4-7; Boyd 22; Moody 22. Third ballot, Russell 107; Dockery 90; Boyd 20; Moody 18. Fourth ballot, Russell 111; Dockery 101; Boyd 19. Fifth ballot, Russell 115; Dockery 105; Boyd 15. Sixth ballot, Russell 116; Dockery 114; Boyd 5. Seventh ballot, Russell 119 3-7; Dockery 103 4-7; Boyd 13.

Zeb Vance Walser was nominated for Attorney General by acclamation, as also was R. M. Douglas for associate justice. Jeter C. Pritchard, James E. Boyd, C. M. Bernard, and George H. White were elected delegates, and Henry Denny, J. Elwood Cox, C. T. Bailey and W. S. Hagans, alternates, to the national convention.

THE NEWS' report yesterday closed at the point where the row began over the report of committee on credentials. There were two minority reports. At the suggestion of V. S. Lusk, the chairman of the credentials committee was requested to state the grounds of the majority report, and Mr. Smathers, of the credentials committee, who signed one of the minority reports, stated the basis of his report. Both these committeemen stated that sharp practices had been resorted to—such as ought not to be tolerated by any convention. Mr. Smathers said that the facts in the case were so uncertain that he favored dividing the vote of the county between the contesting delegations. Wheeler Martin's minority report favored seating the delegation headed by C. D. Waddell, and was opposed to seating the delegation headed by Shurlock. A motion was made to adopt Wheeler Martin's minority report, seating the delegation headed by Waddell, and the report was adopted by a vote of 122 to 90.

The Edgecombe contest came next. The majority report favored dividing the vote of the county between the contesting delegations. The minority report signed by Wheeler Martin and approved by Smathers, favored seating the contesting delegation headed by J. J. Martin. The same course as to explanation was taken as in the case of Cumberland county. The motion was taken to adopt the minority report seating the delegation headed by Martin. This was adopted by a vote of 136½ to 76½, thus defeating the delegation headed by Lee Person. This vote was received with a big demonstration

The contest from Franklin came next. The majority report favored seating the delegation headed by Jno. H. Williamson, (col.) Smathers' minority report favored dividing the vote of the county between the contesting delegation. The Martin minority report favored seating the delegation headed by James I. Moore. The course of explanation was in progress when somebody asked if the State Chairman did not turn down Jno. Williamson last year. This question raised a breeze. Then another asked if John Williamson did'nt vote the Democratic ticket last year. Then there went up an up-roarious howl. Chairman Holton, amidst great confusion tried to explain the so-called turning down of Williamson, but he couldn't make himself heard. Williamson yelled out that he wanted the Chairman to let him answer that question as to whether he voted the Democratic ticket or not, but the Chairman told him he was out of order, and the convention howled Williamson down. If he had had lungs as strong as a locomotive whistle, he could not have made himself heard in the din and noise that prevailed. Both Smathers and Martin made statements in behalf of the minority.

The Russell delegates from Franklin were seated as well as all other contesting delegates of the Russell persuasion

**A Daylight Escape, Chase and Capture.**

John Maynard, a young white man who is confined in jail pending trial on charge of counterfeiting, at the next term of the Federal court, Sunday made his escape, but was recaptured after a short chase. Sheriff Smith was at Mallard creek church with his family, and deputy Bissner was left in charge of the jail. In the afternoon, according to instructions, the officer let Maynard out of a cell and put him to work cleaning the corridors. Maynard in some way secured an iron spike and commenced work on the rear wall of the jail. In a short time he had dug a hole sufficiently large to admit of the passage of his body and then he crawled through. Officer Chas Torrance saw Maynard as he came from the jail and gave chase. Constable McCord joined in and soon the party was joined by others. Maynard fled down First street towards the Victor mills and as he was speeding by the railroad round house he ran into the open arms of constable Irwin. He was escorted back to the jail and locked up. Deputy Bisaner was in the front part of the jail when Maynard got out. It is not known how he secured the iron spike, but it was probably slipped from a plumber's kit and secreted by Maynard some days ago, when plumbers were working in the jail.

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## SOUTH CAROLINA FOR SILVER.

**Tillman in Control—Irby Completely Defeated.**

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 20.—The State Democratic convention met at noon to day in the State capitol. The attendance was very large. Senators Tillman and Irby and Governor Evans, besides all the politicians of the State, were in attendance. Irby, as chairman, called the convention to order, but made no speech. I. H. McCalla was made temporary chairman. The permanent organization was effected by the election of A. H. Patterson, of Barnwell, who made a brief speech, expressing the hope that the convention would send only delegates to Chicago who would represent the people of this State. He spoke of the great advance the cause of free silver has made. The convention, at the instance of Senator Tillman, appointed a committee of one from each county to report a platform and consider all resolutions. Another committee on constitutional changes was appointed. At 1 o'clock numerous resolutions were being presented, all free silver from the ground up. One resolution offered by Mr. Fred Williams, was that they refuse to elect delegates to Chicago at all.

A resolution calling on the Democrats of this State to vote for Tillman for President was received with cheers when presented.

A resolution of sympathy with the Cuban patriots was also cheered when introduced.

The convention at 1:30 o'clock took a recess until 8 p. m.

The delegates at large to Chicago will be Senator Tillman, Governor Evans, W. H. Ellerbe and D. J. Bradham.

The Tillman presidency resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Irby warned the Reform faction against bolting and predicted ruin to the party in the State, and to not only white supremacy, but white civilization, as the breach would be made a permanet one. He said that the whole trouble was that the party was good enough to elect Tillman Governor twice, and to the Senate, but was not good enough to elect him President.

Senator Tillman was bitter in his reply and ascribed Irby's attack on him to Irby's fear for his re-election. To this Irby, who was seated at a short distance, gave the lie direct. Tillman's answer was lost in the confusion of cheers and counter cheers that followed.

At 2 a. m the convention took a recess until September 1st. This is to allow the convention to re assemble in case the South Carolina delegation along with others bolt the national convention.

**South Dakota for Gold.**

ABERDEEN, S. D., May 20.—On the convening of the Democratic State convention this afternoon, an attempt was made to defeat Ramsey, the nominee of the central committee for chairman. Lynch being nominated by the silver men. The gold standard people stood by Ramsey and elected him over Lynch by a vote of 240 to 152. After the appointment of committees the convention adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

This evening, the temporary organization was made permanent without opposition. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the adminstration and declaring for the present standard. A free silver substitute was offered, but voted down by a majority of 57.

**For the Gold Standard.**

CONCORD, N. H., May 20.—The Democratic convention endorses Cleveland, the gold standard and the Monroe doctrine.

**A Girl Arrested as the Poisoner.**

Parties who were in the city yesterday from Gaston county, report that an arrest has been made in the Fite poisoning case, at River Bend. It will be remembered that a son of Mr. John Fite took a drink of water from a bucket on the porch at his father's home, and died within 30 minutes. Strychnine had been put in the water. The party arrested is a young white girl who lives in the neighborhood, though of the several parties who told the news, none could remember her name. She was sent to jail in Dallas.

As reported to THE NEWS, the girl was determined to kill a daughter of Mr. Fite who had incurred her enmity, and she didn't stop at killing young Mr. Fite. After the death of the young man this girl visited Mr. Fite's house and it was then that Mrs. Fite detected her in putting poison into the bucket for the second time. Her arrest followed and she is now in jail.