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Charlotte Gets the Democratic Convention

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so be endorsed for vice-president by the committee. The move of Mr. Seales precipitated a long debate, Mr. J. H. Weddington being one of the first men on his feet to say that he wished the resolution dissolved. He was willing to endorse Mr. Aycock now and might later vote at the state convention to endorse Bryan.

Major Hale, of Fayetteville, strongly seconded Mr. Seales' resolution. Many of the speakers expressed surprise over the introduction of the resolution, and thought it beyond the province of the committee, but many of these thought that inasmuch as it had been introduced it should be passed.

Mr. Heriot Clarkson moved as a substitute to refer the matter to the state convention. Aycock's Tribute to Bryan. Finally a substitute, introduced by Mr. McMichael, of Rockingham, was introduced, to the effect that the committee should accept the resolution to take action. This was adopted by an aye and nay vote, 41 to 36.

Toward the close of the discussion ex-Governor Aycock was recognized and declared that he was in no wise a candidate for vice-president, didn't want the office, but that he would be basely lacking in appreciation if he failed to appreciate the good intentions of his fellow citizens in including him in the resolutions. He asked the convention to eliminate his name from the resolutions, and to, by all means, now that the resolutions as to Mr. Bryan were before the convention to pass it unanimously. He paid a magnificent tribute to Mr. Bryan, declaring that he recognized the world over as the ideal man who has done more for the uplift of the common people than any living man.

A Tale of Two Cities. Presented to the committee by Mr. Clarkson, Mr. J. H. Weddington to get the fight inside the committee to get the next convention for Charlotte. He emphasized the excellent hotel facilities and the splendid new auditorium. Mr. J. P. Caldwell followed with a strong plea, saying that if the convention came to Charlotte this time it would not be another 50 years before it came again.

Speakers who argued strongly for Greensboro were Messrs. A. M. Seales, C. O. McMichael, State Senator Holt and Speaker of the House E. J. Justice. The latter concluded all the excellencies of Charlotte but said Greensboro was the most convenient point for a convention. He estimated that about 60 per cent of the delegates to the convention will be from territory east of Greensboro and can get there cheaper than to Charlotte and to go to Charlotte will tax that part of the democracy east of Greensboro over \$13,000 more than to Charlotte and take about a day more. He said that Greensboro also offered a club house for the use of the committee and "for other purposes."

Mr. W. C. Dowd in expressing his regret that the convention could not be held in two cities at the same time, suggested that the last legislative body had reduced the railroad rates in the state, the cost of the delegates from the eastern part of the state would not be so excessive after all. Greensboro has only one line of road while Charlotte has two and there will be just as large a convention in this city as there would be in the Gate City. Charlotte had nothing to offer for the "other purposes," which Mr. Justice referred to but all trains stopped 15 minutes at Salisbury. This really provoked an outburst of laughter.

Mr. Dowd made the point that Charlotte is the logical point for the convention, as it is not located in the congressional district of any of the gubernatorial candidates. When the vote was taken Charlotte won by 20 majority. Mr. A. D. Watts for the committee offered a resolution expressive of the appreciation of the services of Messrs. J. R. Lewellen, Robert J. Brevard and E. H. Dunn, who have died since the last meeting. Tributes were paid Mr. Lewellen by Mr. Watts and Mr. B. C. Beckwith, Mr. Brevard by Mr. Heriot Clarkson, Mr. Dunn by Mr. Henry A. London.

sonally acquainted with many of its members and quite a number of them took his good advice and voted for Charlotte. Mr. Weddington said Capt. W. I. Everett, of Rockingham, was conspicuous among those present and that he was a warm supporter for Charlotte. Captain Everett, who is a member of the committee has the distinction of being present at the democratic convention held in Charlotte 50 years ago, in 1858, when John W. Ellis was nominated for Governor.

Charlotte's Other Convention. Fifty years ago it was that Charlotte, the "Queen City," even then a place of progress and prosperity entertained the state democratic convention, says the Raleigh News and Observer, and the gathering was a lively one, there being a hot fight for the nomination for governor with three candidates in the running.

The vigorous contest in that year for the democratic nomination was made up of three candidates, Governor Isham, then a superior court judge, and W. W. Holden, editor of the Raleigh Standard, while there was being also pressed for the place Gen. C. M. Avery, of Burke. After a hot fight in the convention Judge Ellis was nominated, and in the election he defeated Duncan K. McRae, who ran as an independent and who was supported by the Whig party and by a large number of democrats known as "Distribution" democrats who favored the distribution of moneys received from the sale of public lands in the United States among the several states.

In sending the convention to Charlotte in 1858 the democratic state committee broke the precedent of holding it in Raleigh and it was freely charged by the Holden forces that Charlotte was selected in order to aid Judge Ellis, whose home was in Rowan county, and that Holden, whose home was in Raleigh was hurt in his candidacy by the removal of the convention from Charlotte.

The convention met in Charlotte in the court house on Wednesday, the 14th of April, and it was on Thursday that the resolutions were made. There were in attendance about 500 delegates, the counties not represented were Bertie, Columbus, Gates, Harnett, Hertford, Hyde, McDowell, Perquimans, Ashe, Camden, Polk, Robeson, Tyrrell and Watauga. The convention was called to order by Gen. Trolinger, of Alamance, and Captain John Walker, of Mecklenburg, who acted as temporary chairman. Gen. C. M. Avery, of Burke, was made president of the convention, and there were eight vice presidents, one from each of the eight congressional districts of the state. The secretaries were Col. J. W. Alspaugh, of Forsyth; Mr. George Howard, Jr., of Wilson, and Mr. W. F. Green, of Franklin.

The papers of that time report a vigorous contest in the convention and that the resolutions were made a two-thirds rule so as to keep Judge Ellis from the nomination. The effort failed and Judge Ellis was nominated on the first ballot, it being stated that he was nominated by some 4,000 majority of the votes cast, two counties being divided and not voting. From the size of the majority it is thought that the strength of the democrats in each county was used in the balloting, and not the number of the delegates.

Mr. Corwith Congratulated. The local committee which went to Raleigh passed the following resolution while en route on their return from Raleigh: "The committee appointed to go to Raleigh to endeavor to bring the next democratic state convention to Charlotte, desires to extend to Mr. W. T. Corwith, secretary of the Greater Charlotte Club, its sincere thanks for the fidelity and efficiency with which he worked to make Charlotte the gathering place of the democratic hosts. The committee feels that Mr. Corwith contributed in no small degree to the success of the venture."

Charlotte the Convention City. Preceding the democratic convention several other important conventions will be held in Charlotte, as follows: April 22 and 23rd--The North Carolina Press Association. May, date not announced--The Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association. June 9, 10 and 11th--North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association. June 16, 17, 18 and 19th--North Carolina Teachers' Assembly. June 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26th--North Carolina Dental Association.

Following the democratic convention the North Carolina Retail Furniture Association will meet here in August. Other smaller associations will hold conventions here both prior and after the democratic convention. Charlotte's hotels will amply accommodate all who come to the city. The Selwyn hotel contains 150 rooms, The Buford, 120, the Central, 120, the Leland, 50, the Gem 40, and the Queen City and Charlotte about 25 each.

To-day's Markets

Bache & Co's Cotton Letter. New York, March 12.--The market in Liverpool was better but the improvement on this side was small and the advance not sustained. May and July opened up 6 points and then May sold at 10.70 while July touched 10.48. The rally however, did not hold. No buying came in to sustain prices and a sagging movement developed which carried May to 10.62 and July to 10.43. Reports from the southern mill situation appear to be more or less conflicting. Reports in Mississippi of curtailment against reports of mills going on full capacity in Birmingham vicinity. The situation is looked upon as generally unfavorable however. In the meantime the market is narrowing down with no tendency in either direction to a great extent. This inertia we believe indicates lower markets later on.

Hayward and Clark's Cotton Letter. New Orleans, La., March 12.--Firmers at Liverpool being two to three higher instead of three off as due and anticipation of bullish statistical comparisons tomorrow and prospects for a demand for good grades to fill March commitments sustaining spot values, induces some buying here this morning caused some advance in a narrow market. However, there was not much confidence displayed as the small sales in the English market on a Thursday total seven thousand were not an encouraging item and press news about trade condition continues very discouraging. Weather indications generally fair weather except cloudy in the cotton quarter. Generally fair and warmer is predicted. Excepting some heavy rains in North Carolina and Tennessee showers were scattered and light. Reports from southwest Texas say that most of the cotton is planted and conditions are promising. It is very difficult to report on the spot market because of the absence of coherent demand. For hours there is nothing doing, then all at once an exporter who has some March shipments to make, takes some lists in order to get the good cotton out of them that he needs. There is no general flowing business and lower grades as well as off cotton of every description are mostly entirely neglected. As the present demand is for good grades they become relatively dearer and a petition has been made to the grade revision committee to raise the premium on the upper grades. This will be decided this afternoon.

Morehead & Co's Letter. New York, March 12.--Cables came better than expected but spot business over there was some better. There was not full response on this side to the strength abroad. Over night no important developments came and while the market was steady after the opening it lacked snap and the big operators seemed indisposed to buy. Spot news unfavorable but there is no weakening on the part of the mass of holders, and with the first bad news regarding a new crop or an improvement in demand higher prices will prevail. Weather on the whole good.

New York Cotton table with columns: High, Low, Close. Rows: Mar, Apr, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec.

Liverpool Cotton table with columns: To-morrow, Last Year. Rows: New Orleans, Houston, Galveston.

Comparative Port Receipts table with columns: To-day, Last day, Year. Rows: Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, Boston, Philadelphia.

Charlotte Cotton Market table with columns: To-day, Last Year. Rows: Good middling, Strict middling, Middling.

Death of Capt. Harrison. Capt. James A. Harrison, formerly of Charlotte, died Tuesday night at his home in Greensboro, at the age of 85 years. His son, Mr. James A. Harrison, Jr., of this city, attended the funeral services which were held there yesterday. Capt. Harrison was a veteran of the war between the states. He was highly esteemed by his comrades.

STOCKS table with columns: Name, Price. Rows: Atchafalaya, Canadian Pacific, Chesapeake & Ohio, Chicago & Alton, Chicago & Great Western, Erie, Erie & Western, Illinois Central, Louisville & Nashville, Mexican Central, Missouri Pacific, Norfolk & Western, New York Central, Norfolk & Western, Ontario & Western, Pennsylvania, Reading, Reading & Northern, Southern Railway, Southern Railway Preferred, Texas & Pacific, Union Pacific, Washburn, Washburn & Great Northern, American Smelting & Refining, Anaconda, Con Gas, Peoples Gas, United States Steel, United States Steel Preferred, United States Leather, United States Steel, Virginia Carolina Chemical, Southern Railway, Smelters, Anaconda Copper.

Chicago Grain and Produce table with columns: High, Low, Close. Rows: WHEAT, CORN, OATS, LARD, RIBS.

Charlotte Produce Market table with columns: Name, Price. Rows: Chickens-spring, Turkeys-per lb, Geese-per head, Hens-per head, Ducks, Eggs, Butter.

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