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MR. THOMAS OF LOUISBURG, ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE PRESS ASSOCIATION

Maj. Hale, Fayetteville Observer, Reads an Able Paper on "How to Prevent Freight Discrimination Against North Carolina."

The Trolly Ride And The Concert at Presbyterian College Two Features of Convention Greatly Enjoyed by The Members.

Officers were elected as follows: J. A. Thomas, Louisville Times. W. C. Dowd, Charlotte News; J. Z. Green, Marshville, Our Home; Rev. J. O. Atkinson, Christian Sun, vice-presidents.

J. B. Sherrill, Concord Times, secretary and treasurer.

J. F. Hurley, of Concord, historian.

M. J. Julian, Salisbury Post, annual orator.

R. M. Phillips, New Bern Journal, poet.

The second day's session of the North Carolina Press Association Convention opened with a report through Mr. R. R. Clark, of the Statesville Landmark, of the committee on postal laws, as follows: "The North Carolina Press Association, having heard with interest and profit the able address of Hon. A. L. Lawshe, Third Assistant Postmaster General, explaining the postal laws and regulations; and realizing as never before that the publishers enjoy a special privilege in the receipt of a pound postage rate, your committee recommends that your association, in its own behalf and in the interest of the public service, pledge itself to heartily co-operate with the post office department in eliminating from the mails all matter not entitled to the second-class rate."

"But inasmuch as it will take time for publishers to adjust themselves to new conditions, without hurt to their business, we respectfully ask the department not to enforce the law to the letter prior to January 1, 1909; but we earnestly request that special enforcement be begun that special effort be made to enforce the law firmly and fully, so that those publishers disposed to evade it will not have advantage over the publishers who try to live up to it without compulsion."

The majority report was signed by R. R. Clark and Mr. H. B. Varner, of the Lexington Dispatch. Mr. Josephus Daniels offered the following amendment: "That we respectfully request the department to allow all newspapers, irrespective of class, to send papers as long as twelve months after subscribers settling at the end of the period named to be regarded as legitimate subscribers within the meaning of the regulations."

The report as amended was adopted.

Maj. Hale's Address.

Maj. E. J. Hale, of the Fayetteville Observer, read a valuable paper on "How to Prevent Freight Discrimination Against North Carolina." Maj. Hale is an expert on water ways in general and North Carolina water ways in particular. He held that making navigable the Cape Fear river, from Wilmington to Fayetteville, especially, would greatly aid in securing better freights. After reviewing the work and recommendations of the recent waterways convention at Wilmington, Maj. Hale reviewed the history of the Cape Fear river, and asked for an outlet channel from Fayetteville to Wilmington, a thing which had three times been recommended by the legislature. The usefulness of the Cape Fear as a navigable stream was destroyed by the war of 1865 and by the overworking of the railroad.

Fulton mentioned the Cape Fear in his great waterway scheme after he had invented the steamboat. In 1844 the steamboat Henrietta began a career on the Cape Fear and sailed continuously till the war broke out, plying between Fayetteville and Wilmington, often making the trip in ten hours.

The restoration of an 8-foot channel would make Fayetteville again a gateway town for freight and thus prevent the discrimination against North Carolina in favor of Virginia towns.

Maj. Hale appealed to the editors to hammer along these lines in their editorials. The paper precipitated an interesting discussion in which Mr. Norman H. Johnson, of the Charlotte Mercury; Messrs. Johnson and Maj. Hale participated. Among other things, Mr. Johnson said the corporation commission had been a failure so far as reducing freight rates were concerned though it had done good in other ways.

Invited to the Smoker. Mr. F. B. McDowell was presented and on behalf of the Southern Manufacturers' Club and invited the editors to an informal smoker at 9 o'clock tonight. On motion of Mr. Daniels the offer was accepted. Rev. P. R. Law offered resolutions

AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

The North Carolina editors and their wives are going on an automobile ride about the State as this paper goes to press. They will be taken out to the old Dowd place, Shopton and Dixie, across to the Pineville road, seeing a county convict camp and a Mecklenburg good road in process of making.

This evening at 7:45 o'clock in the ladies' parlors of the Scherwin the veterans' choir will sing some of the old-time hymns.

At 9 o'clock tonight the editors will be tendered a smoker at the Manufacturers' Club. The ladies of the company will in the evening at 8:30 take in "The Monitor and Merrimack" at the Academy of Music, later taking a trolley ride and winding up at the residence of Mr. W. C. Dowd. By Manager Crovyn the courtesy of the Academy entertainment.

of thanks, which unanimously adopted as follows:

Resolutions Adopted. Rev. P. R. Law, chairman of the committee on resolutions reported the following, which were unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of the association be, and are hereby returned to the railway companies for courtesies in the matter of transportation; to Mr. E. D. Latta, of the C. C. Company for a pleasant car ride over the city; to the students of the Presbyterian College for Women for a delightful musical entertainment; to the association of the Scherwin hotel for its exquisite service; to the mayor of the city, to the Greater Charlotte Club, the old veterans' choir, the newspaper editors of the city press for their warm-hearted greetings and charming hospitality. The courtesies of the city from the mails all matter not entitled to the second-class rate.

Resolved, That the North Carolina Press Association hereby expresses its appreciation of the presence of Hon. A. L. Lawshe, the third assistant postmaster general at our meeting, and do hereby return our thanks to him for his admirable exposition of the intent of the new regulations for publishers relating to second-class mail matter, and assure him of our co-operation with the post office department in carrying out the spirit of the law as he expounded it.

Executive Committee Re-elected. A motion was made that the old executive committee be re-elected. Mr. Shipman offered an amendment to this motion that Mr. H. B. Varner's name be substituted on the committee in place of Mr. M. J. Phillips, who had already been elected to an office. This amendment was carried, and the following gentlemen now constitute the committee: Messrs. Archibald Johnson, J. B. Sherrill, H. A. London, W. C. Dowd, H. B. Varner, Josephus Daniels and D. T. Edwards.

Will Work for Forestry. Mr. Caine, of the Asheville Citizen, read a telegram asking that the association go on record as favoring the Appalachian park legislation. This suggestion was adopted, and on motion of Mr. Norman H. Johnson, Mr. Caine was made a special committee to draft the resolutions, which will be presented to the association this afternoon.

About Tariff on Wood Pulp. On motion of Mr. H. B. Varner, a committee consisting of Messrs. W. C. Dowd, M. J. Julian and R. M. Phillips was named to draft resolutions asking that our representatives in congress work for a bill reducing the tariff on wood pulp, thereby decreasing the cost of white paper.

Mr. E. H. Aull Speaks. At this point in the proceedings, Mr. W. C. Dowd introduced Mr. E. H. Aull, president of the South Carolina Press Association, who was in the hall.

Mr. Aull said that he was glad to be with the North Carolina association and that he brought the greetings from the South Carolina association, and hoped that the two associations could meet jointly. He invited the members to be present at the meeting of the South Carolina association, which is to be held in June, beginning on the 18th.

Mr. Aull closed his talk by giving a motto, which he said the editors should ever bear in mind. This was a beautiful little quotation as follows: "The moving finger writes, and having writ, moves on; nor all your pity nor wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line, nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

The speaker said that the editors should be careful of what they wrote, that there might not be any vain regrets. Mr. Aull is from Newberry, S. C., and is connected with the News and Courier, of Charleston. He was at



More Trouble At Pensacola

By Associated Press. Pensacola, Fla., April 23.—Notwithstanding the injunction issued by the federal court to prevent lawlessness in the strike of the street railway employees, the barns of the Pensacola Electric Company, where over 100 strikers are housed, were stoned early today. No one was injured. Several arrests have been made.

Eighth District For Taft

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 23.—A dispatch to the manager of the Taft headquarters announces that the eighth congressional district of the republican convention at Taylorsville, N. C., yesterday instructed its delegates for Secretary Taft.

In Memory of the Dead

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 23.—The house set apart May 3 for memorial exercises in respect to the late Senators Mallory and Bryan, of Florida.

Favor Inland Waterway

On motion of Mr. Jacobson, of Washington, a committee composed of Messrs. Phillips, Swearington and Whichard were named to draft a resolution advocating the inland waterway project, which is now before congress.

Eight Feet of Water in Cape Fear

Mr. Josephus Daniels offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: "Whereas, the Cape Fear river is the gateway to middle and western North Carolina, that the association pledge its efforts to promote the immediate completion of the great project to secure eight feet of water at all seasons of the year between Wilmington and Fayetteville, as the evident solution of discriminating freight rates against our state."

Editors in Politics

Mr. John M. Julian, of Salisbury, read a paper "The Editor in Politics." Mr. Julian said in part: "An editor out of politics would be an anomaly. Nearly all questions of a moral, social or economic character are by the very nature of things at least quasi-political and it is with propositions relating to such that he finds first and continued concern."

It may be as continued that the editor who never devotes his activities, politics in advisory capacity solely and the editor office-holder should be differentiated, but granting as much we arrive always at the conclusion that the same fundamental principle is to be his chart and compass. He must be true to himself and that self is to be the slave of no unworthy incentive. Omnipresent are obligation, responsibility and opportunity.

"Fortune may play false, bringing in its train and wane of personal popularity and even intimates may regard with unconcealed dislike and policy of such as hold a rudder true in times of storm, when clamor dethrones reason and numerical strength drunken with power parades in the garb of righteousness, yet that one, unafraid the standing alone with unworried soul, is to be counted supreme in any hour an dunder all circumstances."

"Your meanness is entitled to the same consideration in the news columns as your best friend. The public is not interested in your personal animosities and you have no right to inject even a suggestion of them into the history which you are writing each day of the locality allotted to you. To your columns should demonstrate beyond all question the fact that your paper may be depended upon as not only reliable and accurate but as having risen above the plain prejudice."

"The lance wielded in a worthy cause falls thrown has never fallen broken and shattered at the enemies' feet."

The session adjourned until 2:30 this afternoon. Continued on page 3

A Disastrous Explosion

Sixty Miners Are Said to Have Been in Mine When Explosion Occurred—Four Bodies Have Been Taken Out.

By Associated Press. Pittsburg, Pa., April 23.—An explosion occurred in Mine No. 1, of the Ellsworth Colliery company, at Ellsworth, Pa., but the extent of the accident has not been ascertained.

Shortly after the explosion the company notified an undertaker at Monongahela that four bodies had been recovered from the wrecked mine. How many were in the mine at the time of the explosion is not known, but the number is estimated at 60. How many escaped is not known.

Four Men Killed

Four men were killed, three seriously and hundreds of other had a narrow escape.

President Entertains D. A. R. at Reception

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 23.—This was the most important day of the Continental Congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, not only because it was "Election day," but because of the interest attaching to the reception accorded the daughters by the president at the white house.

Among the candidates for vice-president are Mrs. William A. Smoot, Virginia; Mrs. Ira Hale Sage, Georgia.

Admiral Thomas Named

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 23.—Orders were issued at the navy department yesterday detaching Admiral Thomas from duty as commander of the second squadron, to duty in command of the United States Atlantic fleet, the change to take effect May 9th, when Admiral Evans is relieved.

Editors Appeal to Congress

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 23.—All the members of the house today received telegrams from publishers attending the annual meetings in New York of the Associated Press and Newspaper Publishers' Association, urging action on the bill removing the tariff from print-paper and wood-pulp, and in reply to which, Hon. John Sharp Williams, the democratic minority leader, sent the following: "I join in your protest. Get the speaker to recognize me or someone else to make a motion, and it will pass. It is up to him."

Banks and Banking Discussed at Columbia

Columbia, S. C., April 23.—The assembly room of the Colonial Hotel was filled with prominent financiers this morning, when President W. D. Morgan called to order the annual convention of the South Carolina Bankers' Association. Mayor Reamer and ex-Governor Heyward welcomed the visitors in cordial addresses and the response was by ex-Governor J. C. Shepard, of Edgefield. The address of President Morgan and the annual reports of Secretary-Treasurer Wilson, of Spartanburg, and of the other officers and of committees occupied the greater part of the initial session.

The afternoon program provides for an address by ex-Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw on "Needed Currency Legislation" and by John M. Ficken, president of the South Carolina Loan and Trust Company, of Charleston, on "Some of the Principles of Sound Banking."

Illinois Is For Bryan

By Associated Press. Springfield, Ill., April 23.—Ten men, from Chicago, brought the Johnson boom to the democratic state convention and opened their campaign and conducted it throughout the morning. They distributed a vast amount of Johnson literature and set forth the merits of their man.

The majority of the delegates, however, are solid for Bryan. Sentiment against the adoption of any platform gained somewhat in strength over the night.

The convention was called to order at noon today, and after organization and accepting reports from various districts concurred the delegates listened to the address of Free P. Morris, temporary chairman, who was also selected for permanent chairman.

Chairman Morris said the signs portend that this is a democratic year and spoke for united forces and harmony.

Fourth District Endorses Taft

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., April 23.—The fourth district republican congressional convention in session here this afternoon has adopted resolutions endorsing the Roosevelt administration, the candidacy of W. H. Taft, for president; Spencer B. Adams, for state chairman, and E. C. Duncan, for national committee-man.

The convention is now electing delegates to the national convention. There is every indication that J. C. Stancil, of Johnston county, and W. G. Briggs, of Wake, will be elected, although Briggs is being opposed by a faction supporting J. J. Jenkins, of Chatham.

N. C. Music Festival

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., April 23.—The North Carolina Music Festival scored a brilliant success in the opening concert of the three events that comprise the 1908 program. It was Handel's great oratorio Messiah that was interpreted, the distinguished solo artists, the Raleigh Choral Society and the Raleigh Philharmonic Orchestra vying with each other and working in superb harmony in the interpretation of this masterpiece of music composition. Wade R. Brown, dean of music for the Baptist University, is director in charge for the festival events.

"Tape Worm of Treasury"

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 23.—Senator Gore, in urging amendments to the naval appropriation bill providing for the purchase of material abroad, said his purpose was to "Rescue this country from the tolls of the steel trust," which he regarded as the "tape worm of the treasury." Mr. Bacon also spoke in favor of eliminating the provision requiring materials of domestic manufacture.

Bryan's Name Cheered

By Associated Press. Springfield, Ill., April 23.—The mention of Mr. Bryan's name by Morris called forth an outburst of cheers, many delegates leaping up on their seats and waving their hats and handkerchiefs.

N. & W. Declares Dividend

New York, April 23.—The directors of the Norfolk and Western declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent. on common stock.

Firt Bitulithic Work

The first bitulithic work was begun this morning on the stretch between Trade and Sixth street, on Church street. A large crowd of people curious to see how the work was done, gathered to have their curiosity satisfied.

Miss Hattie Hanna, of Gastonia, is visiting Misses Maude and Daisy Yandle on East Fifth street.

SENATOR RAYNER DENOUNCES USURPATION OF AUTHORITY ON PART OF THE PRESIDENT

Condition Of Mr. Cleveland

By Associated Press. Lakewood, N. J., April 23.—The fact that ex-President Grover Cleveland still remains at the Lakewood Hotel after that hotel has been closed for the season, with physicians in attendance on him, has caused apprehension that Mr. Cleveland's progress toward recovery from a recent attack of illness has not been as rapid as desired. Information concerning the condition of the former president is difficult to obtain.

On Tuesday one of the physicians was quoted as saying that Mr. Cleveland was no worse than he had been at other times since his arrival in Lakewood. Mrs. Cleveland went to her home in Princeton yesterday, but remained there only a short time, returning to Lakewood Hotel.

At 11 o'clock it was learned that Mr. Cleveland is suffering from an attack of stomach trouble and that he was not quite so well as yesterday.

Man Lynched at Skidoo

By Associated Press. Los Angeles, Cal., April 23.—Joseph Simpson, who shot and killed James Arnold, was lynched at Skidoo, Cal., last night.

Supt. Joyner Presided At Day's Meeting

Memphis Tenn., April 23.—The meeting of the state superintendents occupied the attention of the conference for education in the south. Superintendent Joyner, of North Carolina presided. The movement for the southern education has been emphasizing the need of high schools, better training and better pay for the teachers.

Superintendent Joyner dwelt upon the progress made along these lines. Superintendent Eggleston, of Virginia, told of the new high school system of his state.

Superintendent Martin, of South Carolina, discussed school funds. Speaking of educational progress in Virginia, Superintendent Eggleston detailed what is being done on the historic war sites, indicating impatience at the political delay. Superintendent Eggleston then continued: "We are anticipating the Davis agricultural bill which is destined to do much good to our people if Speaker Cannon and the agricultural committee of congress will only get out of the way and let the measure pass."

RECORDER'S COURT

Only Four Minor Cases Disposed of in Police Circles.

In the police court this morning, Jesse Thompson, negro, was fined \$5 and the costs on the charge of malicious mischief. Thompson was charged with tearing down signs on Myers street. There were only three other cases disposed of, and these were minor ones. There were two charges for violations and one for assault.

LAND TRANSFERS

One Deed Filed For Registration in Clerk's Office.

A deed was registered today from the Pegram-Wadsworth Land Company to W. J. Flake, for a lot on North Brevard street, 50 by 180 feet, the consideration being \$400.

New Incorporations.

Raleigh, N. C., April 23.—A charter was issued today for the Henderson Game & Fish Association of Henderson to maintain hunting and fishing preserves at a capital of \$500 subscribed.

Wedding at Raleigh

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., April 23.—A very pretty wedding ceremony in which people throughout the state were deeply interested took place at the Church of the Good Shepherd yesterday afternoon when Miss Emily Gertrude Higgs, daughter of Mr. Jas. A. Higgs, became the bride of Mr. Gilbert Elliott Smith, prominent attorney and real estate dealer of Brooklyn, N. Y. Lovely calls and Easter lilies, palms, ferns and Southern smilax blended with tasteful arrangement of burning tapers in a lovely marriage scene. The ushers were Messrs. Walter and Whitmet Smith, of Brooklyn; Messrs. Allen and James Higgs, of Raleigh. Mrs. Henry C. Walter, of Washington, D. C., was dame of honor, and Mr. Burton Hoyle Smith, of Charlotte, best man. The bride was given away by her father.

Shakespeare's Memory Kept Green

London, April 23.—The customary dramatic festival was held at Stratford-on-Avon today in celebration of Shakespeare's birthday anniversary. The old-world town was the Mecca for hundreds of admirers and devotees of the immortal bard, among the number being many celebrated literary and dramatic lights.

At present the various Shakespeare societies throughout the country are engaged in plans for the erection of a memorial which it is proposed to set up to commemorate the tercentenary of his death, which will occur in 1916.

Eloquent Plea for States Rights Made in Senate by Gentlemen from Maryland—Don't Consider Roosevelt as an Oracle.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 23.—State's rights was the subject of an interesting speech in the senate today by Senator Rayner, (Maryland). Senator Rayner spoke in his opinion the senate, powers delegated by the constitution of the United States should not be enlarged by implication or so construed as to conflict with or encroach upon the reserved rights of the states as guaranteed by the tenth amendment.

Says he "Cannot Accept His Messiah-Ship And Raise Standard of Revolt"—President Has Exaggerated Conception of His Powers.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 23.—"The trouble with the president," is said Mr. Rayner, "and I always speak of him not only deferentially but with great personal respect—that he regards himself as vested with unlimited executive power under the constitution."

He continued: "Notwithstanding the attitude of the president in reference to this constitutional prerogative, which is at issue with every democratic principle and tradition, an attempt has been made within our party to place us in a situation upon this subject which is almost inextricable. Some of our prominent leaders, with unrestrained exaltation have applauded the president to an echo and in unmeasured terms have commended his revised edition of the constitution of the United States."

If the president should be nominated he asked: "What will our spokesmen and orators say, who have become disciples of his creed?"

Speaking of the kind of platform he would approve he said he would continue the contest against the tariff for protection and believed it tariff reform by his enemies.

He added: "I would with no uncertain sound declare against the executive usurpation and would again announce the doctrine settled nearly a century ago in this body. That this is not an executive government and that the president, in the exercise of his functions, must be guided by the specific words of the instrument that creates them."

He said he would announce that the democratic party is in favor of the enforcement of every federal enactment and the greater the criminal the more severe should be the penalties visited upon him. He would limit the presidential office to a single term and said he would proclaim no president has the right to determine the selection of his successor through the use of federal patronage.

The senator proceeded: "Above everything else, however, I would add a plank declaring there is no such thing as an unwritten constitution of the United States, and that it is a reasonable act to insert into it, whether by judicial construction or otherwise, any power or grant not contained within the limitations of the instrument and that no Commonwealth of the Union should be interfered with in the exercise of its sovereign functions within its own jurisdiction and that the guaranty of the tenth amendment, so long as the integrity of our government is maintained, must stand inviolate and unprofaned."

He said in conclusion: "We are told that the men who made the constitution did not comprehend it. It meant and that the president is an oracle who has relieved it of its mysteries," adding, "I regret I cannot accept his messiahship and respectfully raise the standard of revolt."

Robbers Made Haul on Club

By Associated Press. Hot Springs, Ark., April 23.—Four masked men with leveled revolvers, entered the club house of the Indiana Club on Central avenue here, and forced the occupants to line along the wall and looted the place of a large amount of money. The occupants were then locked in a room and the robbers escaped.

No definite statement concerning the amount of money taken can be secured, but it is estimated that it was between \$5,000 and \$10,000. A number of guests of the various hotels were in the club. No individual was robbed of his money, the robbers devoting themselves to looting the club funds, and so quietly was this done that persons in the cafe were unaware of the proceedings. One of the persons locked in the room managed to climb through a transom, and liberated the others when the alarm was given to the police.