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REPUBLICANS IN MANY STATES HOLD CONVENTIONS & SEND DELEGATES TO NAT'L. CONV.

entiment in Vermont Equally Divided Between Taft and Hughes — Delegates Will Go to Convention Uninstructed.

Pennsylvania Convention Quiet Owing to The State Wide Preference for Senator Knox as Presidential Candidate.

Administration Endorsed. Harrisburg, Pa., April 29.—The republican state convention met here today to name a candidate for judge of the superior court, four delegates-at-large and four alternates to the national convention, and 34 presidential electors, when State Senator Langfitt, temporary chairman, mentioned the name of Senator Knox as the favorite son of Pennsylvania in the presidential race the convention burst into cheers. Boomers of Knox are in evidence.

Glass Blowers Opposed to The Tillman Bill. Washington, D. C., April 29.—Glass blowers of Danville, Ill., have notified Speaker Cannon they are opposed to the Tillman bill, which provides practically for the confiscation of liquor shipped into prohibition states.

Important Bill Up. Washington, D. C., April 29.—The house banking and currency committee ordered a favorable report on the bill passed by the senate to reimburse depositors of the late Freedmen's Saving and Trust Co. One million dollars is appropriated for the purpose.

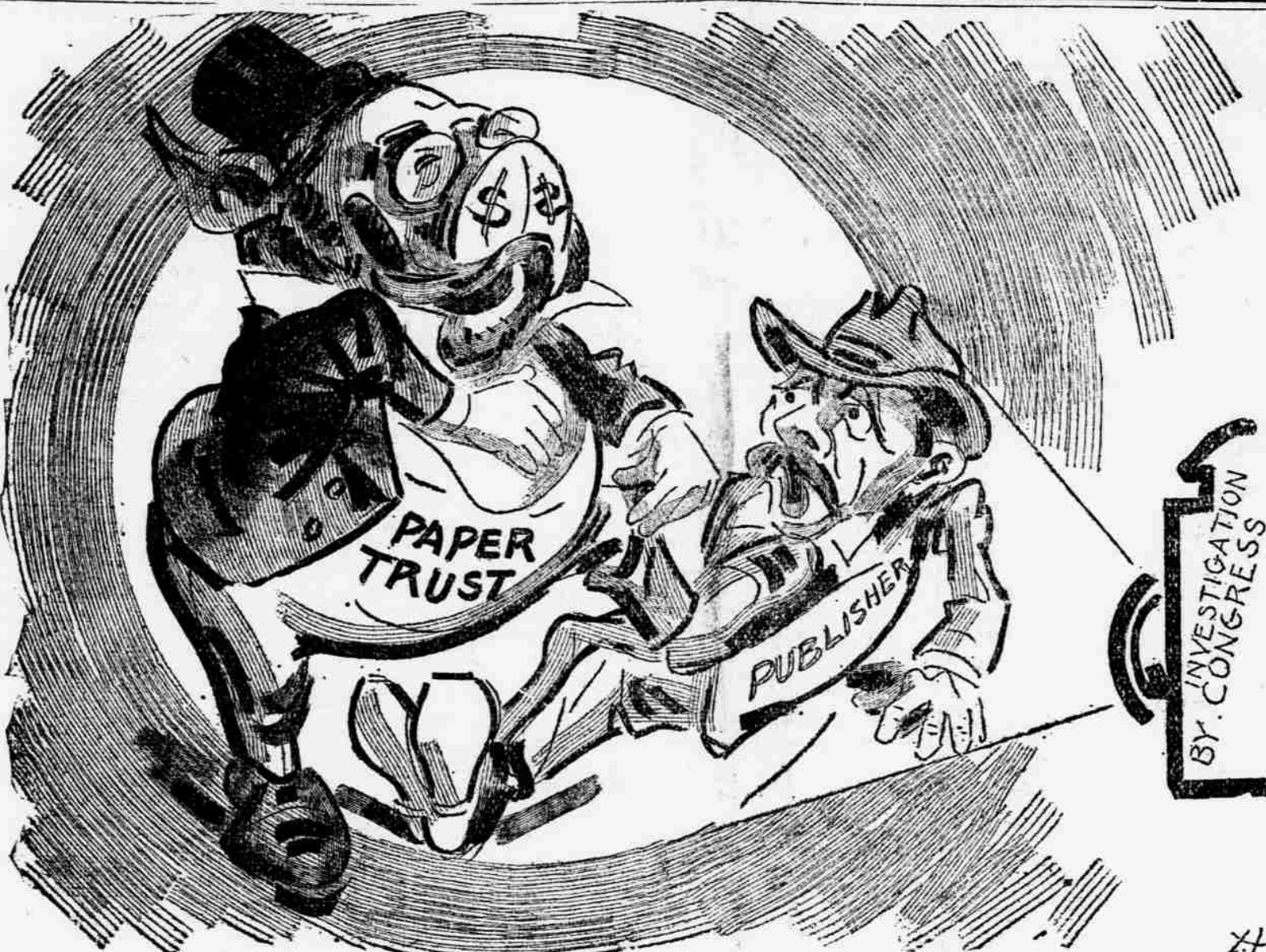
Big Time For The Gypsies. Greenville, N. C., April 29.—An event of considerable importance occurred here yesterday when two distinguished Gypsy families were united in fellowship by the marriage of Joseph Sherlock and Rosie Carroll. The ceremony was performed by Father Murphy in St. Mary's Catholic church, and was solemnized by the celebration of the elaborate nuptial mass.

Governor Johnson Talks. Detroit, Mich., April 29.—Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, in an interview on his candidacy said: "New York has no connection with my candidacy. My support will have to come from another direction than Wall Street."

In the House. Washington, D. C., April 29.—The house entered upon a general debate on the sundry civil appropriation bill.

Four for Bryan. New Haven, Conn., April 29.—Of the delegates chosen to the national convention for personal preference of only four are outspoken for Bryan. The platform declares for local self-government and revision of the tariff.

Mr. Hargrave Garrison, a moulder at the foundry of the American Machine and Manufacturing Company is suffering from a badly burned foot. While at work yesterday afternoon he accidentally upset some iron on it.



A SITUATION THAT IS BEING BROUGHT INTO THE LIME-LIGHT OF PUBLICITY!

Prince to Wed Grand Duchess

St. Petersburg, April 29.—Preparation for the wedding at Tharskeefolo next week of Prince Wilhelm of Sweden and Grand Duchess Marie Palevna, daughter of Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovitch, are practically complete.

The King of Sweden, who is coming to attend the wedding, is due to arrive at Reval tomorrow, escorted by the Swedish squadron.

The wedding festivities will begin May first with a state dinner to King Gustave at Tsarke-Sele. The wedding will take place Sunday.

Daughters of Liberty Meet Next at Greensboro

Raleigh, N. C., April 29.—The state council, Daughters of Liberty, Junior Order United American Mechanics, today selected Greensboro as the next place of meeting, and elected officers as follows:

Councilor, Geo. O. Klutz, Salisbury. Vice-Councilor, A. W. Cole, Burlington. Associate Vice Councilor, Miss Viola Barrow, Raleigh.

Secretary, W. A. Fogleman, Salisbury. Secretary, Miss Queen Ingie, Treasurer, W. D. Phillips, Spray. Assistant Treasurer, Miss Delphia Debbis.

Guide, Mrs. Geo. A. Klutz, Salisbury. Guards, A. B. Cleaver and G. O. Kelly, Cornelius. Grand Representatives, Jno. F. Reynolds, Winston-Salem; W. A. Fogleman, Salisbury; W. D. Phillips, Spray.

Up to Republicans. Washington, D. C., April 29.—Minority Leader Williams gave the republican majority in the house the opportunity to either permit or refuse to permit a vote on the bill to place wood pulp on the free list.

"We, the undersigned, representatives in congress request, each for himself and each for each of the others, that you recognize one of us, or, if you prefer some other representative, to move to discharge the committee on ways and means from further consideration of, and to suspend rules and pass the Stevens bill or any other bill having the effect to put wood pulp and print paper on the free list.

Two Seamen Killed. Kiel, April 29.—Two seamen of the German battleship, Elsass, were killed and six others were wounded as the result of an explosion of a mine.

Found Dead in Bed at Winston

Winston-Salem, N. C., April 29.—W. R. Taylor, who claimed to be from High Point, where he has a family, was found dead in bed at a boarding house here this morning.

Excessive drinking is said to have been the cause of his death. Taylor is said to have told his roommate last night that he lost \$65 in a game of poker with two white men Sunday night and that the money was secured by him from the sale of a horse and buggy.

A letter directed to his wife was found in the dead man's pocket in this he promised to write her again from Roanoke, Va.

ROWAN COUNTY FEDERAL COURT NOW IN SESSION

Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., April 29.—The first term of federal court for this city is now in session in the county court house here, Judge James E. Boyd presiding. The new federal building will not be ready for occupancy for a year or more.

Judge Boyd's remarks upon opening the court here were greeted with applause by the spectators and members of the bar.

Aid for Storm Sufferers

Washington, D. C., April 29.—Orders were issued by the secretary of war to heads of the department which will result in the immediate supply of tents, rations and other necessities for the storm sufferers of the south.

Major Duvall, who is making a personal investigation of the needs of the sufferers, has a list of supplies contained in various military depots and has authority direct from Secretary Taft to draw whatever may be needed. In this manner the quickest possible relief will be furnished to those in need.

Steamer Grounded

Block Island, R. I., April 29.—The Steamer Ravenscraft, bound from Newport News for Providence coal laden, struck on Sandy Point this morning and three hours later was pulled off unharmed. Heavy fog obscured the signals and Ravenscraft lost her bearings. The vessel proceeded to her destination. It is not known whether any injury was sustained.

Companies to Engage in Coast Defense Drills

Raleigh, N. C., April 29.—For coast defense drills for the selected companies of the North Carolina National Guard at Fort Caswell the first week in June the following companies are designated:

First Infantry—Company B, Salisbury; Company D, Charlotte. Second Infantry—Company B, Kinston; Company C, Wilmington; Companies D, and E, Goldsboro; Company G, Washington; Company H, Clinton; Company I, Edenonton.

Third Infantry—Company A, Lexington; Company B, Raleigh; Company C, Henderson; Company L, Greensboro; Company M, Sanford.

There will be one other company but which is not yet designated.

Third Regiment Band Invited

Special to The News. Raleigh, April 29.—The Third Regiment band of Raleigh has received an invitation to participate in the coast defense maneuvers and drills to take place at Fort Caswell during the first week in June. It is understood that the band will accept. Companies constituting the second regiment and a number of companies from the other regiments will take part in the coast defense drills.

Angle Gets Five Years

Richmond, Va., April 29.—T. M. Angle, president of the Dry Fork Distilling Company, was found guilty on five charges in the United States court in Danville, for committing revenue frauds and was sentenced to four years in the federal penitentiary and fined \$15,000.

Progress Of Paper Hearing

Washington, D. C., April 29.—Upon resuming his testimony before the select committee of the house on wood pulp and print paper, John Norris furnished the committee with data showing that H. G. Craig & Co. controlled the output of seven independent mills until these mills were combined into one selling agency.

Mr. Norris said there was no concentration of control of newsprint paper mills.

Responding to a series of questions from Chairman Mann, Mr. Norris said that the mills controlled by Craig & Co. did not undertake to make sales independently.

As to Alleged "Trust." Several original letters from publishers were put in evidence giving indications of the existence of a paper "trust." One of these was written in November, 1907, by W. S. McClatchey, publisher of the Evening Bee at Sacramento, Cal., who spoke of a contract he had with the Williamette Mill for paper at \$2.60 per hundred, but which price was raised to \$2.80 at the expiration of the contract. By way of fixing the date when paper companies refused to make quotations, Mr. Norris placed in evidence a number of letters from paper manufacturers in response to requests for price.

Replying to a question, Mr. Norris said: "It shows that in some way which we have not yet uncovered, it was a part of the program by which they would not make quotations."

As part of the formulation of testimony, with respect to combinations of various groups of paper makers, Mr. Norris at this point put in evidence a list of officers and by-laws of the New Sulphite Pulp Association, published November 23rd, 1907.

"These new by-laws," said Mr. Norris, "were devised, so we charge and expect to prove, immediately following complaints of publishers, and in order that this association might come within federal statutes."

CONFEDERATE REUNION

Rowan County Confederates Will Meet on May 9th. Salisbury, N. C., April 29.—The annual reunion of Rowan Confederate veterans will be held in the auditorium of the graded school in this city on May 9th, at which time a big public dinner will be tendered the old veterans by the ladies of the city.

Thousands of Children Gather

New York, April 29.—Many distinguished persons attended Children's Day observance of the centenary of the Catholic Church this morning at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Six thousand boys and girls gathered at the Cathedral for the services and Bishop Burke, of Albany was celebrant of solemn mass.

Miss Reid to Wed

London, Eng., April 29.—The engagement of Miss Jean Reid, daughter of Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador, to the Hon. John Hubert Wade, brother of Earl of Dudley, was announced by Mr. and Mrs. Reid today.

Insane Man A Suicide

Winston-Salem, N. C., April 29.—Edward Wyatt, of Mocksville, who was carried to Morganton several months ago for treatment, committed suicide last night.

He was found dead this morning by the hospital authorities. The remains were brought to Mocksville this afternoon.

Revenue officers destroyed three illicit distilleries in Wilkes county yesterday. One still was built of wood lined with sheet-iron.

The receipts of cotton on the local market today were 66 bales at 9 1/2 against 54 bales at 11 1/4 on the same day last year.

WITH 1,100 VOLTS PASSING INTO HIS BODY, LINEMAN BLANKENSHIP FALLS DEAD

Connecticut Laws Prohibit Auto Races

Hartford, Conn., April 29.—Following the announcement that Connecticut will be, with Georgia, one of the bidders for the Vanderbilt cup automobile race, it is pointed out that under the existing law of the state such a contest could not be held. The automobile laws of the state, although making every consideration for tourists provide that no automobile shall be run over roads of the state for a bet or wager or as participant in a race.

Commencement at Livingstone College

Salisbury, N. C., April 29.—The annual commencement exercises are being held at Livingstone College, the model negro institution in this city, and are largely attended. Major Eaton, of Winston, delivered the annual address today.

FOR COMMISSIONER

There Are Now in the Race Eleven Candidates. As it now stands there is no dearth of candidates for county commissioner. There are now no less than eleven candidates for these positions. Some of these are active in their candidacy and some are receptive candidates only.

The gentlemen to be voted for will be Messrs. W. M. Long, Billy McKee, John B. Ross and C. V. Farr and Dallas Henderson, now members of the board, and Messrs. Withers, from Davidson, and Cashion from Lenoir; Abraham and John Newell, from Crab Orchard. Besides these Messrs. Wadsworth and Joe Garibaldi will probably run, these being city candidates and whose friends take the ground that the city needs more representation on the board.

Before the primaries, on the 16th of June, others may be added to the list, but even with this number in the race the outcome will be very problematical.

Craig Meeting in Dilworth

There will be a meeting under the auspices of the Craig Club in Simms' Hall at Dilworth Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The speakers will be Messrs. Crawford, D. Bennett and Plummer Stewart.

Coster-Knapp And Co Suspend

New York, April 29.—The suspension of Coster, Knapp & Co., bankers and members of the New York Stock Exchange, was announced on that exchange today.

Charles Coster, one of the members of the firm committed suicide last night.

No intimation of the firm's assets or liabilities was given, and it is thought that definite figures could not be given pending a completion of the assignee's investigation.

PROF. WALKER COMING

Teacher From China to Address Laymen's Movement. Mr. Millidge P. Walker, who holds a chair of science in St. John's University at Shanghai, China, will be in this city next Sunday and will address the Laymen's Missionary Movement of this city at St. Peter's Episcopal church Sunday night. St. John's College is one of the educational colleges of the Episcopal church in China, and Prof. Walker is a man with a message. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

If he can be held a day longer he will be asked by the Laymen's Movement here to make an address Monday night.

DAMAGE SUIT STILL ON

The Case of Proctor Against Furniture Company Not Ended. In the superior court today, up to the noon recess, the trial of the case of Ivey Proctor against the Cornelius Furniture Company was still in progress. All of the evidences in and the argument of counsel has begun.

The defendant in this action is asking damages to the extent of \$10,000 for the loss of an eye while in the employ of the defendant company.

The plaintiff claims that he was seized by a saw which was not properly guarded with a shield, and a piece of the timber flew off and hit him in the eye, causing loss of sight.

The contention of the plaintiff is that the company was negligent in the fact that the saw was not equipped with the proper shield for the protection of the operator.

The next case which will probably be called is that of C. E. Ball against the A and C. A. L. Ry. Company.

Fire on Exposition Grounds

Norfolk, Va., April 29.—Fire of unknown origin on the Jamestown Exposition grounds last night destroyed the Philippine reservation and damaged the arts and craft village and ye old time tavern.

Employe of Four C's Company Electrocuted While Changing a Circuit on North Church Street Near The Fire Station.

Rowland D. Blankenship, aged 22, of Belmont, a lineman in the employ of the Charlotte Electric Railway Light and Power Company, was electrocuted this morning at 9 o'clock while at work on the top of a short pole on South Church street between Trade and Fourth streets.

Body Fell Limp Into Safety Belt And Was Removed From Pole by Ladder—Physicians Efforts Were Fruitless.

Death was not instantaneous. The wires on a single phase line, carried a load of 1,100 volts. The man, who wore a safety belt which prevented him from falling to the ground, was removed by his fellow workmen and carried into the Church street fire station house where several physicians worked heroically to save his life. Artificial respiration and strenuous rubbing of the body were resorted to for nearly an hour before death finally claimed the victim.

The physicians, upon examination found that Blankenship was breathing faintly and under their direction four men raised and lowered the arms, rubbed the chest and legs, producing artificial respiration and circulation of the blood. At one time Blankenship responded slightly to the treatment and renewed efforts were made to resuscitate him but a greenish pallor slowly appeared on the lips and as it became more decided life was despaired of. Without a tremor the body relaxed—every nerve had been paralyzed.

Blankenship with two other linemen and two groundmen, working under Foreman H. F. Mullen, were changing a lighting circuit from old to new poles. The wires under the old arrangement jumped from the East side of Church street 100 feet to the Fourth to the southwest corner of Fourth and Church streets, in front of the little store at that place, and then recrossed Church street to a pole on the east side of the street next to Page's blacksmith shop, about 100 feet north of Fourth street.

On account of placing curbing on street corners it was necessary to remove the pole on the southwest corner of Church and Fourth. It was while connecting one of the wires spanning the distance across the street that Blankenship came in contact with the live wire. He created a short circuit by means of some part of his body and hand, in which he held a pair of pliers, coming in contact with both legs of the circuit at the same time. He was aware that the wires he was working with were heavily charged and carried 1,100 volts. He was an experienced man and had never had any trouble of this kind before. The body was not burned and but for a small scorch in the palm of his right hand, in which he held the pliers, there were no visible signs that such a high voltage had passed through it.

While Mr. Blankenship was at work on the top of the pole, Groundmen Whitlow and Hayes were on the ground serving him. They heard a groan and looking up saw the body relax and fall into the safety chains. In this position it remained until a ladder was secured from the fire station a few yards away and raised against the pole on which two men went up and lowered the body with ropes. While it was being carried to the fire station physicians were being summoned. They responded promptly and administered strychnine and other stimulants, besides using artificial respiration and circulation of the blood.

When it became known that 1,100 volts passed through the man's body some were inclined to believe that that amount would not, ordinarily, prove fatal. An electrician who knows something about the amount of electricity required to kill a person recalled the method used by some states of electrocuting criminals. "In these states," he said, "about 1,750 volts and eight or nine amperes are used. The current is applied three times, as a rule, with the points of contact placed on the calves of the legs and on the base of the brain.

"The amount of electricity required to kill a person is a speculative quantity. What will kill one person will not kill another. It depends largely upon the condition of the heart and the resistance of the human body."

Mr. Blankenship had been in the employ of the AC's Company for about two years. He was considered efficient and industrious and was held in high esteem by his employers.

He was married and lived in Seigle street in Belmont.

As soon as the officials learned of the accident Messrs. F. D. Gresham, E. D. Latta, Jr., and Thomas A. Simpson hurried to the scene and did everything for the injured man that was possible to do.

The body was taken to the undertaker parlor of Z. A. Hovis & Co., where it was prepared for burial.