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Charlotte Storm Center Of the Political Battle

GREAT DEMOCRATIC HOST OF NORTH CAROLINA HAS COME TO CHARLOTTE

On First Floor of Convention, Each County Limited To Two Seats For Each Convention Vote— Rest in Gallery.

Each Candidate Confident of Winning—The Great Political Game Being Played For all It is Worth—A Big Crowd Present.

"No deadlock and our man named early in the balloting," say the Kitchin people.

"Our folks in fine fettle and Craig sure to win," say the friends of the Western candidate for the governorship.

"Heated contest between the two highest men, a contest that may be prolonged, and a contest that should be avoided by the nomination of our farmer-business man candidate," say the Horne contingent.

The political leaders of the state swept down upon Charlotte last night and today and found the city ready and waiting for them. They found the hotels prepared to take care of them and they found the Auditorium a dream of beauty.

At Gubernatorial Headquarters.

The headquarters of the three gubernatorial candidates were beehives of political industry. Mr. Craig's headquarters were on the second floor of the Selwyn; those of Mr. Kitchin on the second floor of the Central and those of Mr. Horne on the first floor of the Buford. Each hotel was packed with the friends of the candidates and there was much work going on everywhere with a view to trading for various offices below the governorship.

While the Auditorium seats 4,500 people, the convention will be an enormously bulky affair—a mastodon of masses. It was hoped that the convention could be seated on the first floor but so large are the delegations from all over the state that this will be next to impossible. It will of necessity overflow into the gallery. After a long and earnest discussion, a committee consisting of representatives of the three candidates for governor and the local committee composed of Messrs. A. H. Eller for Mr. Kitchin, Mr. Walter Clark, jr., for Mr. Horne; and Mr. J. P. Kerr for Mr. Craig, and Messrs. Weddington, Clarkson and Smith, of the city local committee, met this morning in conference with Hon. Hugh G. Chatham, chairman of the executive committee, and the following agreement was reached as to seating the crowds:

Convention Seating Plan.

"It is hereby understood and agreed that between the representatives of Messrs. Horne, Kitchin and Craig and the local committee of the city of Charlotte, that on the first floor of the Auditorium, each county shall be limited to two seats for each convention vote, and each of the three candidates shall be given an excess of one hundred tickets giving admittance to first floor.

"Of the gallery space each candidate for governor shall be given two hundred and fifty (250) tickets for reserved seats in gallery. Ballance shall be at the disposal of the local committee.

HUGH G. CHATHAM, For State Committee.

"WALTER CLARK, Jr., for Mr. Horne.

"A. H. ELLER, for Mr. Kitchin.

"J. P. KERR, for Mr. Craig.

"HERIOT CLARKSON, for General Committee.

"A. L. SMITH, for Hall Committee.

First Come, First Served.

As to the public, it has finally been decided that the first comers will be the first to be served. They will be given whatever available space there is in the galleries after the convention is placed.

There will be somewhere between 300 and 400 seats available to the public. Everybody will be seated by ushers in an orderly way.

Chairman Hugh G. Chatham will distribute stage seats to distinguished visitors in the city.

All committees with badges are entitled to reserved seats in the galleries.

.. How Will First Ballot Be? ..

There was much speculation as to whether the contest for governor would be long drawn out or not. It is the opinion of the Kitchin people that it will not be. The Craig people are inclined to think it may be and the Horne people are still more inclined to this belief.

A Craig man's estimate of the vote on the first ballot was Craig 340, Kitchin 365 and Horne 140 to 150. The Kitchin people would raise Mr. Kitchin's vote considerably on this ballot. The uninstructed vote will split and be divided between the various candidates. Rowan county has the largest uninstructed vote in the convention—17. It is said they will be cast on the first ballot thus: Kitchin 7, Craig 6 and Horne 4.

There have been various estimates as to how the vote of Franklin county will be cast. In reported estimates this vote has sometimes been assigned thus: Kitchin 14 and none to Horne. Then again it has been said that Horne will get all the way up to 5 or 6 votes. Sometimes Craig has been conceded one vote from there. The way this vote is cast, it is said, will affect the size of the vote Horne gets on the first ballot.

There are 837 votes in the convention, so that 428 1-2 are necessary to a choice—or rather a fraction over that number.

The managers of the various candidates gave out statements today. They are published below.

The statement of Mr. Manning, Mr. Kitchin's manager, appeared in the Observer this morning and contained a telegram from Hickory reading as follows:

"Hickory, June 22, 1908.

"Hon. J. S. Manning, Manager,
"Charlotte, N. C.

"Craig men appointed all delegates by Craig committee. Refused us representation. Horne and Kitchin men left convention and appointed their own delegates.

"T. M. HUFHAM."

This telegram appears to have been a bomb in the Craig camp in Catawba. The News this afternoon received the following telegram from Newton:

Newton, June 23, 1908.

"Evening News,
"Charlotte, N. C.

"The T. M. Hufham telegram to J. S. Manning in Observer is absolutely untrue. Kitchin, Craig and Horne given their full representation. Committee to select delegates composed of three Kitchin men, one Horne man and four Craig men.

(Signed) "JOHN P. YOUNT."

No Agreement Reached.

There has as yet been no agreement reached among the managers of the three candidates for governor as to who will be permanent chairman, and it is probable that it will be tomorrow morning before anything definite is given out. The names of Governor Glenn, Senator Lee S. Overman and Judge Armistead Burwell have been suggested as being acceptable to the three candidates, but it seems that there is a hitch somewhere. Just which faction is unwilling to come to an agreement is not known. None of the gubernatorial managers wished to talk on this question.

Who Will Be Chairman?

The selection of a chairman to succeed Hon. Hugh G. Chatham will depend entirely upon which candidate is successful in the race for governor, as it is customary to let the nominee for governor name the chairman who is to fight the campaign.

If Mr. Craig is nominated, Hon. J. R. Young, of Raleigh, insurance commissioner, will be mentioned. If Mr. Kitchin is successful, Hon. E. L. Travis, of Halifax, will probably be selected. If Mr. Horne is to make the race for governor, Hon. James H. Pou, of Wake, will probably be selected. But the politicians are paying no attention to these matters at this time, all of their energies being bent in the main fight for governor.

Mr. Chatham Will Not Accept.

Mr. Chatham has stated that he will not accept the chairmanship again; that he only accepted the position with the distinct understanding that he was to be relieved at the convention. Mr. Chatham states that he is too busy to accept the chairmanship when the occasion will demand great work and attention, as it would in a gubernatorial race.

Elder P. D. Gold to Open With Prayer.

The convention will be called to order tomorrow at noon by Chairman Chatham, and Ex-Governor T. J. Jarvis, of Pitt county, will be named as temporary chairman. The convention will be opened with prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, of Wilson, of the Primitive Baptist church, who has the distinction of having been a delegate to the convention of 1858 which met in Charlotte.

Miss Annie Louise Reinhardt, of Richmond, Va., will follow with a violin solo, accompanied on the piano by Prof. J. H. Craighall, organist of the First Presbyterian church.

Prof. Robert L. Keesler, chairman of the music committee, announces that band concerts will be given every afternoon and evening on the balconies of the Colonial club and the Buford hotel. The hours for these concerts are: In the afternoon from 4:30 to 6:30; and at night from 8:30 to 10 o'clock.

Congressional Delegation.

The congressional delegations will meet tomorrow at 10 a. m. These are very important meetings and will name the members from each district of the various committees of the convention—those on platform, resolutions, credentials and the like. The places of meeting are as follows:

First District: First Assembly room, Southern Manufacturers' Club, South Tryon street.

Second District: Court room county court house, South Tryon street.

Third District: Recorder's court room, city hall, North Tryon street.

Fourth District: Assembly room Colonial club, North Tryon street.

Fifth District: Aldermen's chamber, city hall, North Tryon street.

Sixth District: Store room under Auditorium.

Seventh District: Elk's hall, South Tryon street.

Eighth District: Criminal court room, county court house, South Tryon street.

Ninth District: Store room on West Fifth street.

Tenth District: Reading room, Selwyn hotel, West Trade street.

Delegates Arriving.

The first special train into Charlotte on account of the convention rolled in lasth noight80$..n rae1234 rolled in last night at 11:15 o'clock, carrying a large representation of delegates and many others interested from the eastern part of the state, principally from the Goldsboro section. This was followed this afternoon by the "Craig Special" from Asheville. Others are as follows:

The Seaboard's special, bringing the eastern county delegations will arrive here at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The Seaboard's special from Rutherfordton will arrive tomorrow morning at 9:55.

The Southern's special from Goldsboro will reach here at 10:15 tonight.

The Southern's special from Goldsboro will arrive here tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Kerr's Statement.

The managers of the various candidates were all confident. Mr. J. P. Kerr, of Asheville, Mr. Craig's manager, was found in his coat-sleeves in room 109 at the Selwyn. He said:

"Our folks are in powerful good spirits and we are going to nominate our man." He then gave out this statement:

"Since the delegates began to arrive I find the Craig men in the highest of spirits. They are more than hopeful—they are full of fight and determination, and I have yet to find the man who thinks Mr. Craig will not be nominated. One very noticeable thing among the Craig delegates is their elation over the signal victory Mr. Craig gained over Mr. Kitchin in their joint discussion in Charlotte. They find that the reports that have gone out over the state that Mr. Craig gave Mr. Kitchin one of the most thorough and genteel drubbings that has ever been handed out to an opponent in North Carolina are fully verified by the citizens here who heard the discussion, whether they happen to be Craig, Horne or even Kitchin men. The fact that Mr. Kitchin had boasted all over the state that Mr. Craig was afraid to meet him on the stump makes his friends all the more gratified that he made good in such a conspicuous way. They also call frequent attention to the boast of the Kitchin followers that their man was the only one who could certainly successfully meet any Republican who might be

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NOMINATING SPEECH BY HON. C. R. HOEY

He Will Place the Name of Hon. E. Y. Webb Before the Ninth Congressional Convention—Mr. James A. Bell is Mentioned as Delegate to the Denver Convention.

The Ninth congressional convention will convene here tonight in the county court house. The convention will be called to order by Chairman Blount, of the district executive committee, but it is not yet decided who will be named chairman.

Hon. E. Y. Webb, of Cleveland, will be placed in nomination by Mr. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby.

After the nomination of Congressman Webb, the convention will go into the election of delegates and alternates to the Denver national convention.

Among those who are mentioned for these places are Messrs. James A. Bell, of Charlotte; J. D. Elliott, of Catawba; Charley Childs, of Lincoln, and Mr. Babbington, of Gastonia.

Women Up in Arms Over Advance in Meat

New York, June 23.—Six hundred women held a mass meeting last night in Brownsville, Brooklyn, and declared their intention to fight against increased price of meat and fowls. They also paraded and several meat stores were stoned.

Moore's Friends Are Organized

Col. W. C. Maxwell Is Named As Campaign Manager, And he Will Be Assisted by Large Delegation.

A large number of the friends of Hon. C. C. Moore, candidate for commissioner of agriculture, met in the recorder's court room last night and organized to work for Mr. Moore's nomination.

A committee consisting of Messrs. H. N. Pharr, Morris McDonald and P. C. Whitlock, were named to act with Col. W. C. Maxwell, who was named as manager of Mr. Moore's campaign.

The committee has held several meetings today, and have opened headquarters at the Buford, where the work will be conducted. Mr. Moore's large number of friends have enlisted in his behalf and nothing will be left undone to assure him of the office.

Welcome, Democrats!

Pillaging Kurds on Mad Rampage Near Urumiah

PARTS OF BODY STREWN ALONG TRACK 4 MILES

By Associated Press.

New York, June 23.—The finding of parts of a human body scattered for miles along the tracks of the Desbrosses, street trolley line reveals what may be a diabolical adding to New York's crime annals.

The hands were found where the line crosses the Williamsburg bridge and legs at Desbrosses ferry in Manhattan, over four miles away, while the mutilated torso was picked up on the bridge over Kent Avenue. So disfigured were the face and body there was no means of identification. The police were in doubt whether the victim was accidentally struck by a trolley car or was murdered.

Parade of Mountain County Delegations For Craig

Craig's mountain delegation, five hundred strong, arrived in the city at 2:30 today, and marched up Trade and down Tryon street, with waving banners and wild cheers for Craig. The parade was lead by the Concord band, and it was a thrilling sight to see that long line of mountaineers with grip-sacks in hand and determination in their faces. As the parade passed the Central and the Buford hotels, where the Kitchin and Horne headquarters are located, there was wild demonstrations.

Every window and store front on the line of parade was filled with spectators, and it seemed that the friends of the mountain champion were legion.

The special train, which was known as the "Craig Special," consisted of ten coaches, all of which were well filled. The demonstration put life into the Craig delegates on the streets, and great shouts went up from every corner, where the white badges were in evidence.

The Candidates For The State Offices

The candidates for the various state offices have arrived on the scene with their friends and have opened headquarters. They are as follows:

For Lieutenant Governor: Col. W. P. Wood, of Randolph, Hon. T. W. Blount, of Washington and Hon. George D. Bellamy, of Columbus.

For Secretary of State: Hon. J. Bryan Grimes, of Pitt, and General W. P. Roberts, of Gates.

For Auditor: Major B. F. Dixon, of Cleveland and Hon. Frank Hackett, of Wilkes.

Treasurer: Hon. B. R. Lacy, of Wake and Hon. S. A. Ashe, of Wake.

Attorney General: Mr. Hayden Clement, of Rowan; Hon. W. C. Newland, of Caswell; Hon. B. B. Winborne, of Bertie; and Hon. John E. Woodard, of Wilson.

For Corporation Commissioner: Hon. B. F. Aycock, of Wayne; Major H. A. London, of Chatham, and Hon. L. C. Bagwell of Wake. Middleton, of Duplin.

Commissioner of Labor and Printing: Messrs. W. W. Haywood, of Mecklenburg; M. L. Shipman, of Henderson; W. W. Wilson, of Wake; J. B. Sherrill, of Concord; J. E. Pomers, of Rutherford.

Commissioner of Agriculture: C. C. Moore, of Mecklenburg; Major W. A. Graham, of Lincoln; R. W. Scott of Alamance; E. F. McRae, of Robeson, and T. B. Parker, of Wake.

FEVERISH ACTIVITY

Some of the Hardest Kind of Preliminary Work Being Done.

Some of the hardest work ever done on the eve of a political convention in any state is being done here today. No three men ever deserved the office of governor more intensely than the three men now in the race; no three men ever had more astute or loyal workers, and the headquarters of the candidates are therefore scenes of intense and feverish activity. The destiny of a state may hang upon some of the work being done today.

Loses Fine Animal.

Mr. W. M. Aikens, a hard-working farmer of Lely's township, lost a fine horse at Redmon's store in Seversville yesterday. Mr. Aikens had just been offered $175 for the animal, and the loss is a heavy one.

Lunches for Delegates.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian church and of Calvary Methodist church have prepared to serve lunches to delegtes in the basement under the auditorium.

—Mr. J. A. Gardner of the Parker-Gardner Co. received the handsome pipe given away by the Cosolidated Cigar Stares Saturday.

Miss Nell Battle, of Montgomery, Ala., isivsiting Mrs. Jenks J. Hutchison, on Vance stret.

Missionaries Send Out Statement of Perilous Condition in Which they Find Themselves--Many Villages Being Looted.

Serious Condition Of Affairs Reported in Portugese Guinea—Europeans in Danger of Cannibals.

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, June 23.—The Novos Vremya published a dispatch from a correspondent who has just completed a perilous trip from Tabriz, Persia, to Urumiah, through a country swarming with pillaging Kurds.

He declares Urumiah is completely surrounded by Kurds who are ravaging the villages on all sides, up to the gates of the towns.

The sound of firing is constantly heard.

Missionaries at Urumiah have held a meeting and sent out to their respective countries a statement of the critical position in which they find themselves.

The regular Turkish troops are close behind the raiding Kurds.

Misisonaries Not in Danger.

New York, June 23.—At the office of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions it was said assurances had been received from the state department at Washington that missionaries at Urumiah are not believed to be in immediate danger.

Europeans in Danger.

Lisbon, June 23.—News was received here of the serious condition of affairs in Portuguese Guinea.

Natives everywhere are report in revolt. Even on the Island of Timor, several interior posts have been driven in, settlements have been destroyed and Europeans been killed or carried off into captivity.

The Portuguese troops have taken refuge at Bisseau, where they are surrounded.

A French warship has arived for the protection of French subjects.

Newspapers here attribute the revolt to the cruelty practiced by the troops while collecting "Hut," tax.

Anxiety is felt for Europeans captured, as the natives are cannibals.

Mr. Sherman to Undergo Serious Operation

By Associated Press.

Cleveland,, Ohio, June 23.—James S. Sherman, Republican vice-Presidential candidate, who has been ill here for the past two or three days was taken with a severe chill this morning. Physicians were immediately called. It was found that Sherman was suffering from gallstones. It was decided to remove Mr. Sherman and he was taken to a hospital in an invalid carriage and it is possible an operation will be performed during the day.

Apparently he was none the worse for the journey to the hospital. Early this morning his temperature was 102, but later it fell back to normal.

Condition Better.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 23.—At noon Mr. Sherman's condition was said to be better than at any time during the past 24 hours. It is now believed the operation will not be necessary unless the patient suffers another attack.

Senator Smart Was Taken Violently Ill

By Associated Press.

Baton Rogue, La., June 23.—Announcement late last night by J. J. McLaughlin, chairman of the New Orleans Anti-Race Track League, put an unpleasant phase on the illness of Senator Smart, whose absence was one of the excuses for the Locke Bill's failure to pass. Senator Smart was taken violently ill immediately after dinner last night and McLaughlin's statement said the attending physicians thought the attack might be due to "Some foreign substance," which resembles poison very much.

President Eliott Refuses Roosevelt's Request

By Sssociated Press.

Boston, June 23.—Despite the appeals of President Roosevelt and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon, Fish and Morgan, the two crew men suspended for violating the rule against removing books from Harvard reference library, will not be permitted to row in the Yale-Harvard boat race. President Roosevelt made a personal appeal to President Elliott by telegraph as soon as he heard of the suspension but he met with a curt refusal from the Harvard executive to make any change in the ruling.