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## CONCORD'S BIG RALLY.

A Day Long to Be  
Remembered.

OVER 10,000 PEOPLE PRESENT

Beautiful Floats, De-  
lightful Music and  
Good Speaking.

Dinner Vanishes—Hot For the Texan—  
Populist Action Makes Votes for the  
Democrats.

Never before has Concord had  
such a day as Wednesday.

The largest, most enthusiastic  
and most determined crowd that  
ever gathered within the limits  
of the town was here Wednesday  
to give the finishing stroke to  
one of the hottest campaigns  
that has ever been fought in the  
county. People began to arrive  
by day-break, on horseback, in  
buggies and in wagons, and each  
morning train brought large  
delegations, until the numbers  
were swelled to between ten and  
twelve thousand people.

The crowd was perhaps the  
largest gathering that has  
assembled in any county during  
the campaign, and one of the  
jolliest, most orderly and well  
conducted. The procession  
was formed at 10 o'clock  
with No. 2 township at the head.  
No. 2 was so fortunate as to win  
the beautiful silk banner for  
putting the largest number of  
men on horseback during the  
parade, and it is remarkable  
when we remember that it is the  
strongest negro township in the  
county.

There were over 2,500 people  
in the procession, the greater  
part of whom were mounted.  
The Concord band led the pro-  
cession, followed by four beauti-  
ful floats, decorated in pure  
white, bearing banners with ap-  
propriate inscriptions. The first  
float, driven by Mr. Jno. Mc-  
Dowell, with lovely maidens in  
pure white, represented Con-  
cord. The next was from For-  
est Hill, with maidens in pure  
white, and in their midst Capt. J  
M Odell. A second float con-  
taining 40 girls from Forest Hill,  
driven by Supt. Coble, followed.  
Forest Hill did her part in the  
parade.

The float from Mt. Pleasant  
was unique and beautiful and  
did credit to the town.

There were several other floats

which we cannot mention. Per-  
haps the one calling forth the  
greatest number of remarks was  
the small float bearing a bevy of  
boys, and on one side was the in-  
scription, "Wish We Could  
Vote," and on the other, "We  
Are Not Afraid of 1908."

Stanly county sent a big and  
enthusiastic delegation of red  
shirts and took an important  
part in the parade.

Mr. A M Brown, chief mar-  
shal, and his corps of marshals  
deserve much praise for their  
management.

The Greensboro and Steel  
Creek bands had their positions  
in the parade and furnished ap-  
propriate and patriotic music  
for the occasion. The crowd  
was enthusiastic and generous in  
cheering and could be heard  
from one end of the town to the  
other.

After marching through the  
principal streets the procession  
and crowd adjourned to the  
graded school grove where seats  
were prepared for the immense  
crowd. Never has a  
more intelligent crowd gathered  
at a political speaking here, and  
as Major Guthrie remarked, "It  
was an audience of strong men  
and lovely women." The meet-  
ing was called to order by Chair-  
man A B Young. Prayer was  
made by Rev. J A B Fry. Mr.  
M H H Caldwell, in appropriate  
remarks which were well re-  
ceived and generously applaud-  
ed, introduced Major W A Guth-  
rie, of Durham, to the audience.  
Major Guthrie made a good  
speech in fluent and polished  
language and carried conviction  
in his argument. He said in his  
introductory remarks that he did  
expect to see a big crowd here  
but did not expect to see the  
State turn out. Major Guthrie  
is a magnetic speaker.

Mr. Jas. H Pou, of Johnson,  
was next introduced by Mr. H S  
Puryear and made one of those  
strong, forcible and inspiring  
speeches for which he is  
noted. Mr. Pou is one of the  
finest campaigners in the State  
and his speech here was a  
"whooper-up," and doubtless  
caused many votes to be cast for  
White Supremacy today. He  
spoke over an hour and held his  
crowd spell-bound.

From the speaking the crowd  
went to the barbecue grounds  
where dinner had been prepared  
for over 8,000 people and was  
served in a most acceptable man-  
ner. The dinner crowd was im-  
mense, and rations disappeared  
as a vapor.

In the meantime while  
the Democratic speaking was  
in progress the Hon. Harry  
Tracy from Texas made his ap-  
pearance at the court house,  
mounted the steps, and soon  
had a handful of Populist around  
him. Mounting a table he be-  
gan to speak. The news soon  
spread that Mr. Tracy was  
speaking at the court house and  
of course the Democratic red  
shirts etc., began to gather in  
the court house yard to help the  
few Populists to cheer their im-  
ported speaker. He had only  
to begin to open his mouth and  
the crowd would yell and cheer  
and finally in order to add to the

excitement a fight had begun  
just in front of the speaker and  
the crowd swayed to and fro un-  
til it emerged into the street.

Mr. Tracy began again and  
so did the yelling and fighting.  
All passed off nicely only one  
man being hurt, he was a Popu-  
list and received a lick over the  
head cutting a considerable  
gash. Mr. Tracy we suppose  
was on the platform for over 3  
hours; but we don't suppose that  
it would take 10 minutes to tell  
what he said.

One could only tell that he was  
attempting to speak by seeing  
his lips move. Finally he came  
down and with his body guard  
made for the Kimball house, the  
crowd following and yelling and  
cheering. He disappeared in the  
hotel and the crowd thinking  
that they were after Tracy, soon  
congregated. Several speakers  
mounted the steps and besought  
the crowd that they do no vio-  
lence to the man. The crowd  
dispersed and Mayor Means with  
guard escorted Mr. Tracy to safe  
keeping. The crowd began to  
follow them and at the square a  
police force stopped the proces-  
sion and Mr. L C Caldwell made  
a speech in behalf of good order.  
The crowd again quietly dis-  
persed and Mr. Tracy was con-  
ducted to Rev. B Lacy Hoge's. A  
horse and his grip from the ho-  
tel being secured he was  
driven to Glass station, where  
"Young Lochinvar" the Knight  
from the West, returned crest  
fallen. Mr. Tracy said that he  
had seen many a crowd and had  
dwelt among the Texas cowboys  
but never before had he met such  
a determined crowd as he found  
here. He said that he was tired  
of North Carolina and wanted to  
get home.

The action of the Populist here  
Wednesday reminds us of the  
man being drowned and grasping  
for the last straw, but availeth  
nothing and sinketh beneath the  
waves.

Mr. Tracy had no business  
here and perhaps he was served  
right, still we would have been  
very sorry had any violence been  
done to him. His Populist  
friends could have averted his  
presence here Wednesday and  
they have only lost many sup-  
porters by their actions. One  
man, who carries considerable in-  
fluence, said he would today vote  
the Democratic ticket, and carry  
others with him, on account of  
the Populist action. Many  
others doubtless did the same.

L C Caldwell, of Statesville,  
Col. T C Haines, of Bennettville,  
S. C. and Mayor Thomas Linn,  
of Salisbury, spoke at the court  
house Wednesday evening and  
made strong speeches.

It was a red letter day in the  
history of Cabarrus.

Everyone was here for a good  
time and had it.

The various committees de-  
serve much credit for the man-  
agement of the campaign which  
is the hottest and most enthu-  
siastic ever waged in Cabarrus,  
and today they will see the fruits  
of their work.

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Friday for Lincolnton and other  
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