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ROOSEVELT ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY

IS NOW READY FOR THE LIGHTNING TO STRIKE HIM.

Letter to the Seven Governors. — Brief But Speaks in No Uncertain Terms—Hopes People Will Have Privilege of Expressing Choice Through Direct Primaries.

New York, Feb. 25.—“I will accept the nomination for President if it is tendered me, and I will adhere to this decision until the convention has expressed its preference,” is Col. Theodore Roosevelt’s reply to the letter of several Republican Governors asking him to stand for nomination.

The eagerly-awaited reply was given out tonight at Colonel Roosevelt’s offices here during his absence on a trip to Boston. It was unexpectedly brief, but definite. It follows:

“Gentlemen: I deeply appreciate your letter and I realize to the full the heavy responsibility it puts upon me, expressing as it does the carefully considered convictions of the men elected by popular vote to stand as the heads of government in their several States.

“I absolutely agree with you that this matter is not one to be decided with any reference to the personal preferences or interests of any man, but purely from the standpoint of the interests of the people as a whole. I will accept the nomination for President if it is tendered to me, and I will adhere to this decision until the convention has expressed its preference. One of the chief principles for which I have stood and for which I now stand and which I have always endeavored and always shall endeavor to reduce to action is the genuine rule of the people; and therefore I hope that so far as possible the people may be given the chance, through direct primaries, to express their preference as to who shall be the nominee of the Republican presidential convention.

“Very truly yours,
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.”

The Governors’ letter follows: “Chicago, Feb. 10, 1912.

“We, the undersigned Republican Governors, assembled for the purpose of considering what will best insure the continuation of the Republican party as a useful agency of good government, declare to our belief, after a careful investigation of the facts, that a large majority of the Republican voters of the country favor your nomination, and a large majority of the people favor your election, as the next President of the United States.

“We believe that your candidacy will insure success in the next campaign. We believe that you represent as no other man represents those principles and policies upon which we must appeal for a majority of the votes of the American people and which, in our opinion, are necessary for the happiness and prosperity of the country.

“We believe that in view of this public demand you should soon declare whether, if the nomination for the presidency came to you unsolicited and unsought, you will accept it.

“In submitting this request we are not considering your personal interests. We do not regard it as proper to consider either the interests or the preference of any man as regards the nomination for the presidency. We are expressing our sincere belief and best judgment as to what is demanded of you in the interests of the people as a whole. And we feel that you would be unresponsive to a plain public duty if you should decline to accept the nomination, coming as the voluntary expression of the wishes of a majority of the Republican voters of the United States, through the action of their delegates in the next national convention.

“Yours truly,
WILLIAM E. GLASSCOCK,
CHESTER H. ALDRICH,
HERBERT S. HADLEY,
JOSEPH M. CAREY,
CHASE S. OSBORN,
ROBERT P. BASS,
W. R. STUBBS.”

For Presidential Primary.

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 26.—In response to the call issued by Governor Osborn two weeks ago the Michigan legislature convened in special session today to consider and act upon a measure providing for a presidential primary.

Our China Fund.

Previously acknowledged \$35.11

Geo. H. Cline 5.00

Total to date \$40.11

Spectacles found. Describe them and pay 25 cents for this notice. Tribune office.

DEMONSTRATION WORK.

Mr. George M. Cress, of No. 6, Appointed County Director.—Salary \$800 a Year.

Messrs. C. R. Hudson and A. S. Millsaps, of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, were here Saturday making final arrangements for beginning the farm demonstration work in this county.

It is the purpose of the Department of Agriculture to establish an organized method of farm demonstration work in every county. The National Department and the State Department are co-operating in the work. By the plan they have adopted each county appoints a director of agriculture. His duties in advancing the work of agriculture are of the same character as those of a county superintendent of schools—an instructor. The director will work under the direction of the State and National Departments of Agriculture. Each county also co-operates in the work and pays half the salary of the instructor, \$400 a year. There are twenty counties in this State that have joined in this great movement of agricultural education. The government will spend in North Carolina about \$20,000 this year.

The county director will supervise the demonstration farms and give instruction to any farmer as to the best methods of cultivating his crops. They propose establishing a number of demonstration farms in this county. The farms will be established in the various sections. All the farmer has to do is to furnish the land and labor. They will be cultivated in strict accordance with the advanced methods of farming from the departments of agriculture and will be under the direction of the county director. He will keep strict account on the yield and expense and visit they at frequent intervals.

The Department of Agriculture earnestly desire the co-operation of the farmers of Cabarrus county in this work. At these farms they will see the methods and theories of advanced agriculture put into practice, heretofore the departments have been mailing out this information in booklets. Of course the booklets will be continued but by visiting the demonstration farms the farmer can see the valuable information they contain applied.

There were a number of applicants for the position of county director. After going over the list of applicants Mr. Hudson and Mr. Millsaps appointed Mr. George M. Cress, a well known farmer of No. 6 township.

Mr. Cress is counted among the county's best farmers. Last year he produced 900 bushels of corn from 30 acres of land. This is about 30 bushels to the acre, which is twice the average yield per acre. He will take up his new duties at once.

Mr. Cress will receive a salary of \$800 a year. The Department of Agriculture will pay half and the county half.

MR. TAFT DEEPLY HURT.

Feels keenly the Necessity of Engaging in Open Contest With His Former Warm Friend.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Newspapers and the office of the Washington correspondents were besieged today and tonight with personal and telephone calls from politicians and statements asking what Colonel Roosevelt had to say.

President Taft was given a copy of his predecessor's letter, but he would make no comment. White House officials also were reticent, but they made no attempt to disguise their interest. The Taft campaign bureau was dark tonight, Director William M. McKinley having left Washington at noon for Chicago.

The only remark emanating from the President during the day that at all bore upon the tense political situation, was made to a Senator who asked that his name be not used. It was this:

“I know that we are right and I am confident that we will be successful.”

It has been only in the last fortnight that President Taft has been willing to admit to his closest friends that he believed Colonel Roosevelt would enter the race against him for the nomination. It is doubted whether or not to the last minute he was fully convinced that any announcement coming from his predecessor would be without a string attached.

That President Taft was deeply hurt to learn that from now on he must engage in an open contest with the man under whom he had served for many years, became known soon after the Roosevelt letter was made public.

Manager Styles received a telegram from the manager of “Black Patti” stating that the show would be here tonight without fail. The prices are 50 and 75 cents.

TRAVELERS HAVE TROUBLE.

Street Car Fails to Get to Depot and They Had to Wade Through Mud And Walk Up Town.

Last Saturday the street car did not attempt to go to the depot. It stopped on the top of the hill on West Depot street. The passengers had the delightful privilege of walking down the slippery hill in the rain. Down at the bottom another pleasure awaited them in crossing Corbin street. At this point streams of water from two hills met, making a slushy area of earth not equalled this side of the Dismal Swamp. Compared to it the sandy bottom of Buffalo creek would be as welcome to a pedestrian as an oasis to a desert wanderer. It was through this slushy area that the passengers dragged their skirts while French bells went down to undiscovers depths. The male portion split the mud. They tried to steer clear but the task was impossible and by the time the distant shore was reached their trouser legs resembled those Jean Valjean was wearing when he came forth from the sewers of Paris.

Train No. 7 had an unusually large crowd to get off here. The few hacks were filled with a rush. Those not so fortunate to catch one were left at the mercy of the street car. They crossed, or at least waded through, the above mentioned slushy area and toiled up the slippery hill. On reaching the crest another disappointment awaited them. No car was in sight. It was raining, and raining hard. Of course the street car was not responsible for the rain, but if it had made the entire trip the crowd could have stayed under the shed at the station and waited for it. Instead they either had to wait and receive a drenching or walk and receive a drenching.

Many walked. At least they did until they struck the cement. That is, where the cement is supposed to be. It is covered up now and has been for a number of days. But it really is there for the city recently put it down. The bank in front of the Walter property fell down some time ago and it has been allowed to lay there until now the rain has washed it all along the sidewalk, completely covering up the cement in places. A “nigger” a mule and a scraper could fix it in a few minutes but the weather will be good in a short time and then the people can walk up the other side.

Forest Hill News.

Mrs. R. F. Coble returned to her home in this city today after spending several days in Bessemer City.

Mrs. H. C. Raimor and Mrs. J. C. Cook went up to Salisbury this morning to attend the funeral of their cousin, Mr. Jno. T. Foreman, who died Sunday morning from an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Jno. L. Robinson, of Columbia, S. C., is spending a few days in the city with his sister, Mrs. David Corzine. Mr. Robinson has resigned his position at Columbia and will go to Atlanta, Ga., this week, where he has accepted a position.

Mr. John Waldon, of Hope Mills, arrived in the city yesterday and will spend some time here with friends.

Mr. R. F. Fisher's family arrived here last Wednesday and are now occupying the boss spinner's house at Buffalo.

Messrs. W. A. Wilkinson and Tom Widenhouse left this morning for a few days visit to Baltimore markets to buy summer goods.

Business Change at Kannapolis.

Mr. C. E. Lowe has sold his interest in the Patterson-Young Mercantile Co., in Kannapolis, to the company and has organized the firm of Lowe Bros. & Company. Mr. Lowe has been manager of the Patterson-Young Co., at Kannapolis for three years and has made a number of friends in that section. He will be manager of the new firm which will begin business this week in the store room occupied by the Patterson-Young Co. They will handle hardware, furniture and groceries.

The Patterson-Young Co. has rented the new store building next door to Richmond-Sloan & Co., and will move their stock there this week.

Mr. Hammill Still Unconscious.

A telephone message from No. 7 township early this morning brings the information that Mr. James Hammill, who was hit on the head last Thursday by a falling tree, is no better. He is still unconscious. An operation on him was to be performed at his home today by Dr. Strong, of Charlotte, and Dr. Lentz, of Gold Hill, and it is hoped that it will be successful.

Present your keys to lock boxes to the old postoffice to Postmaster Buchanan and have them redeemed. None can be redeemed after 60 days from this date. See notice elsewhere in this paper.

WILL CONCORD BE ON THE MAIN LINE?

DISQUIETING RUMORS THAT WE ARE TO BE ON BRANCH LINE

Of the Norfolk Southern.—Guarantee Made With Distinct Understanding That Concord is to Be on Trunk Line.—Nothing Lately Heard From Road's Officials.—Survey From Albemarle Here.

There is much speculation here as to the plans of the Norfolk Southern concerning Concord. The officials have not given out anything definitely to the people here since Mr. Duncan and ex-Governor Aycock were here and assured the citizens that the road would come to Concord. The survey from Albemarle here will soon be completed, probably by next Saturday. On account of this fact interest has been revived on what location the road will decide upon for a depot.

By reasons of the fact that the survey is so near finished the people here are expecting some definite announcement from the officials of the road about their plans for Concord. The present status of the road from a local standpoint is that Mr. Duncan came here and assured the citizens that if the proper guarantee for depot facilities and rights of way was raised the road would build a trunk line here. An acceptable guarantee was raised and Mr. Duncan stated that the road would certainly come here. Since that time he has reiterated the statement. It was specifically stated that Concord was to be on the main line.

As the time for actual operations on the road begin the people are growing more and more impatient for some action to be taken here. The surveyors will probably reach Concord Saturday and by that time an official announcement is expected from the road. The Charlotte Chronicle had the following in Saturday's issue, which we publish for what it is worth:

Charlotte people who are interested in the coming to Charlotte of the Norfolk Southern Railway, or the Raleigh, Charlotte & Southern, as it will be called, will be pleased to learn that surveying parties are working on several proposed routes from Troy and Mount Gilead toward Charlotte. It has been understood that in all probability the extension westward would be from Troy, via Albemarle, Mount Pleasant and Concord to Charlotte. Several routes have been surveyed for this line, however, and the exceeding roughness of the country, which will mean many curves, greater mileage and much more expensive construction work, will probably cause the abandonment of this route in favor of that by Mount Gilead, the route from Mount Gilead to Charlotte being on a ridge and allowing the building a straight line, with comparatively little grading.

It has been very reliably reported that the corps of surveyors now taking preliminaries from Troy to the Pee Dee river has run three lines, the shortest about sixteen miles, from Troy to the river, whereas the distance by a direct line is only 10 miles. The country is so rugged and rough that it is necessary to make the distance in order to get the grades down to the minimum, as the surveyors have been instructed to do. This will necessitate a number of 40 to 60-foot cuts. The distance from Troy to Mount Gilead is 12 miles, 4 miles from Mount Gilead to Pee Dee river, which makes the distance the same from Troy via Mount Gilead to the river.

One of the greatest things in favor of the route from Troy at the beginning as the straight line and shorter distance. Since the engineers now find that the route by Mount Gilead will be just as short, considering the curves, and that the construction work will be cheaper, it seems that the probability is that the latter route will be selected. In this event Albemarle will be cut off the line and Concord will probably get a branch from the main line instead of the main line itself.

Republicans of North Carolina Will Be Annihilated.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 24.—According to Col. V. S. Lusk, the Republican party in North Carolina stands an excellent chance this year of being completely annihilated. He says that in the last factional fight in the party two years ago the party lost 10,000 voters and that the fight then was nothing as compared to the one that is going to be this year between the Taft and anti-Taft factions. Unless there is a compromise, he says, the party this year will be virtually wiped out of existence and he added that the anti-Taft faction has no idea of compromising.

DR. YOUNG A CANDIDATE

For Delegate From This District to the National Convention.

Dr. R. S. Young, one of the most prominent physicians of the city, and a staunch supporter of Governor Woodrow Wilson, will be a candidate for place on the North Carolina delegation to the Democratic convention, which meets in Baltimore. Each Congressional district will have two delegates and Dr. Young will be a candidate for one of the places from the eighth district. Two alternates will also be elected.

Dr. Young is not only an ardent admirer of Governor Wilson but has long been a close personal friend of his. They were students together at the University of Virginia, Dr. Young being in the medical department and Governor Wilson in the law department. He attended Governor Wilson's inauguration and was one of his original supporters for the Democratic nomination for President.

Dr. Young stated yesterday afternoon that he would not engage in any squabble for the place but he would like very much to be on the delegation. Dr. Young was surgeon general of the State for several terms and enjoys a wide acquaintance with public men, who will actively support him for a place in the delegation that goes to Baltimore.

Death of Miss Jane L. Bost.

Miss Jane Bost died Saturday at one o'clock at the home of Mr. Columbus Goodman in No. 6 township, where she had been visiting for some time. Miss Bost made her home here with her brother, Mr. Anthony Bost. Yesterday a week ago she went to visit Mrs. Goodman and the night after she arrived she suffered a stroke of paralysis. Her condition continued to grow worse until her death that morning. Miss Bost was a native of this county and was 68 years of age. She was a sister of Messrs. D. L. Bost and Anthony Bost, of Concord. She had been a life long member of St. John's Lutheran Church and was a woman of consecrated Christian character.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at St. John's Lutheran church and will be conducted by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. J. J. Long.

Bridge Party in Honor of Mrs. E. H. Brown.

Mrs. Earle H. Brown was the honoree at a delightful bridge party Friday afternoon, given by Mrs. Iverson I. Davis. Four tables of auction bridge were played. The guest of honor prize, a pretty cut glass bon bon dish, was presented to Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Davis' guests besides the honoree were: Mesdames A. Jones, Yorke, R. Reed, Charles Harris, R. S. Saunders, J. A. Cannon, W. H. Gibson, Claude Ramsaur, W. W. Flowe, R. K. Black, L. E. Boger, H. M. Propst, John Fox, and George Richmond. Misses Mary King, Fan Hill, Maude Brown, Leila White and Nan Cannon.

At the close of the games an elegantly appointed two-course luncheon was served.

Mr. Durham as Presiding Elder.

Rev. J. B. Tabor writes as follows from Farmington to the North Carolina Christian Advocate: “Bro. Durham, our young, scholarly, brilliant, genial presiding elder, has been with us and made a good impression on all who have met him. To have a man of his ability and culture on the district mixing and mingling with preachers and people is a privilege and a blessing. He only lacks experience and that he is getting every day. The time he came to Farmington was the beginning of the cold weather. That drive from Mocksville on that cold, windy Friday of January 5th is an experience he will not soon forget.”

Death of a Very Aged Lady.

Mrs. Mary Ann Gardiner died Friday at the home of Rev. A. D. Wauchepe, pastor of McKinnon Presbyterian church, after an illness of only a few days of pneumonia. Mrs. Gardiner was 92 years of age and had made her home of the family of Mrs. Wauchepe for more than 30 years and had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Wauchepe since they were married. She moved here with them several months ago from Oklawaha.

The funeral was held this afternoon at the home and was conducted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier. The interment was made at Oakwood cemetery.

Scarlet Fever at Landis.

Rowan Record.

Little Miss Mary Lee, daughter of Mrs. Fannie Corriher, is ill with scarlet fever. She had been attending the public schools at Landis, and as a precautionary measure, the school has been temporarily closed. Prof. Pesler, the principal, is therefore at home for a few days.

EIGHT MINERS KILLED

IN BURNING SHAFT.

One Man Still Missing—Seven Bodies Have Been Recovered.

McAlester, Okla., Feb. 23.—Eight miners were killed outright and one is missing as a result of the fire in mine No. 5, of the Western Coal and Mining Company, at Leigh, near here.

One hundred and seventy men were in the mine when the fire broke out at noon yesterday. All but 10 escaped.

Eight dead bodies had been removed this morning and one man was later rescued alive.

The mines know as one of the driest and hottest in the State. The fire is said to have been started by sprinkling the dust with oil. It is still raging, and there appears but slight hope of rescuing the one man still missing.

Rescue parties were unable to penetrate far into the workings today on account of the flames, and unless the miner is soon found he will be abandoned to his fate and the mine sealed.

A young Mexican boy and Chester Caldwell, a miner, saved a score of lives by rushing through the various passages and spreading the alarm. The miners then warned escaped.

The Government mine rescue crew from McAlester went to the scene and a negro was the first man found alive after an exploring party entered the mine.

In the same room, however, the seven dead were found. Six men believed to be dead revived when they reached the outside air.

The rescue work was badly hampered by the families of the entrapped men.

A BIG ENTERPRISE.

French Syndicate Taking Options to Develop Power on the Yadkin.

Salisbury, Feb. 23.—With a view to developing a two million dollar water and electric power plant on the Yadkin river two miles below the big Whitney Reduction plant, near Albemarle, a French syndicate is now taking options on property in that section. C. M. Armstrong, of Troy, is representing the syndicate which proposes to furnish the money for the development of the plan. The line of the new Raleigh-Charlotte railroad is to cross the river at the same place, and when the survey has been completed it is stated work on the new electric system will be started. The new company, it is understood, will be in competition with the Whitney Company and the Southern Power Company.

NEICES LOST FOR FORTY LONG YEARS.

Prominent Bostonian Now on the Way to North Carolina to Claim Them.

Boston, Feb. 24.—A prominent Bostonian is now en route to Haywood county to claim his nieces who have been lost for forty years. It is claimed that they have been hidden away and the affair is a great mystery.

Read Advertisements in the Tribune and Times.

The merchants who want business should want it bad enough to ask the people for their trade. The Times and Tribune are the only mediums through which they can reach the people of Concord and Cabarrus county.

We ask that our friends and readers watch the advertisements in the Times and Tribune, patronize the live merchants who think enough of your business to tell you what they've got to sell. Let us all work together for the upbuilding of Concord, our home merchants and the Concord Tribune and the Times.

Police Find Plot in Benson Case.

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—Fate Goss, of Durham, was held today as a witness for the coroner's jury in the deaths of three Benson men asphyxiated here on February 5. The officers are positive they have uncovered a plot to take the lives of the men and that Goss is an important witness. He could not give bond and is in jail.

The Oklahoma Democratic State convention early Friday adopted the report of “Alfalfa Bill” Murray, Gov. Woodrow Wilson's floor leader, pledging ten of the State delegates to the National convention for Wilson and ten for Champ Clark for the nomination for President. An amendment to the compromise resolution providing for the endorsement of Clark was lost by a vote of 314 to 289. The convention then took a recess.

Mr. E. L. Eiford has gone to New York to buy goods for Eiford's department stores. During his absence Mr. Paul Eiford, of Gastonia, is here at Eiford's.