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BY A VOTE OF WHITE PEOPLE.

DISPENSARY MUST BE SETTLED.

Democratic Convention Thus Speaks—A Primary to be Held With the August Election—The Convention Worked Hard and Nominated County and Legislative Tickets—J. D. Glenn for the Senate, Whitaker and Roberson for the House.

The white people of Guilford county come together en masse today and held the greatest, largest and most enthusiastic convention ever held in the county. The Banner Warehouse was filled by unconquerable Democrats from shortly after 11 o'clock this morning until 5:30 this afternoon without adjournment, the proceedings and deliberations being marked by harmony and good feeling. It is felt that the work of the convention will result in great good to the party and the county. It is especially gratifying that the differences that have existed were satisfactorily adjusted to all concerned.

The convention was called to order by County Chairman Scales, at 11:30. In a short and pointed speech Mr. Scales welcomed the largest and grandest convention of any political convention that ever assembled in Guilford county—a coming together of the representative men of a masterly race, a race ordained to rule. The 30 years experiment with negro suffrage was referred to as the sublimest picture of patience and self-sacrificing generosity that has ever been painted on the canvas of human history. Speaking of the great issue before the people, the chairman said: "We must let nothing swerve us in this matter. We must win, and Guilford county must, and will, do her duty in the coming election."

Mr. Scales referred to the great strength of the enemy, with its large campaign fund and hordes of revenue doers and office seekers, who go about seeking to poison the minds of white men against their race. The party organization all over the county was said to be complete, and in most cases active and aggressive. The division in Greensboro over the dispensary was referred to, the chairman saying he trusted the convention would be guided wisely in its deliberation, if it should see fit to consider this matter.

A roll call showed every precinct in the county to be represented by large delegations.

Dr. W. A. Lash nominated Prof. J. Y. Joyner for permanent chairman of the convention. There being no other nominations, Prof. Joyner was unanimously elected. He was escorted to the chair by Col. James T. Morehead and Mr. R. A. Wheeler and was warmly applauded.

In taking the chair, Prof. Joyner made a splendid Democratic speech and thanked the convention for its expression of confidence. He urged the convention to inscribe as its motto, "In unity there is strength," and be guided by a spirit of fairness, justice and courtesy to all.

Members of the Democratic press present were elected permanent secretaries of the convention.

When the convention was declared open for business, Mr. R. R. King arose and made a speech on the dispensary question, urging the convention to take some action in the matter. He asked that all voters—both white and colored—be allowed a voice in settling this question, and introduced the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the Democrats of Guilford county in convention assembled:

That our Senator and Members of the House to be nominated by this Convention for the next General Assembly, if elected, immediately on the convening of the General Assembly, draw, introduce and secure to be passed into law, a bill providing that the continuance or discontinuance of the dispensary in Greensboro created under Chapter 254 of the private laws of 1899, be voted on by the qualified voters in and of Guilford county at an election to be provided for in the said bill to be held on the second Tuesday in February, 1901, and if the majority voting at such an election shall vote for the continuance of said dispensary, the same shall be continued as at present; but in case the majority shall vote for a discontinuance thereof, then in such case the same shall be discontinued and said Chapter 254 of the private laws of 1899 shall thence-

forth have no further force or effect. The election to be held and conducted under the general election laws in force at the time of such election.

After the resolution had received a second, Col. James T. Morehead offered the following as a substitute, providing that the question be submitted to a vote of the white people of the county:

Resolved, That after the election of our candidates for the Senate and House of Representatives, the chairman of the County Executive Committee have prepared and placed at each and every voting precinct in the county on the 9th day of November next, it being the day on which electors for President are voted for, a box like that required by law for a general election, to receive the ballots hereinafter provided for.

That said chairman procure two white qualified electors, not of the same views upon the question, if practicable, regardless of political affinity, to take charge of said box, receive the ballots, count the same and report the result to the said chairman within five days after the said day of election.

That every duly qualified white elector be permitted and requested to deposit in said box, on said day, a ballot expressing his wishes as to whether spirituous, vinous and malt liquors shall be sold by and under the dispensary system or the saloon system.

That the said chairman provide printed ballots, on some of which shall be printed "For Dispensary," and on others "Against Dispensary," and those electors preferring the saloon system are requested to deposit in said box a ballot on which is printed "Against Dispensary," and those preferring the dispensary system are requested to deposit in said box a ballot printed "For Dispensary."

At the counting of the ballots by the two electors selected for the purpose any white elector who so desires may be present.

That the chairman of the County Executive Committee and the secretary of the said committee shall tabulate and add the ballots when returned as above provided for in the presence of such white electors as may desire to witness the same and shall announce the results in the newspapers published in Guilford county, and give a copy of the same to the members-elect to the legislature.

If the greatest number of ballots be cast for saloons, then the Senator and representatives elected to the General Assembly on the 2d day of August next are hereby instructed to introduce a bill in the General Assembly to repeal the act establishing the Greensboro dispensary, and in case a greater number of ballots are cast for the dispensary, then liquor and beer shall be sold in Greensboro under the dispensary system.

Prof. M. H. Holt offered as an amendment to Col. Morehead's resolution a motion to substitute "for dispensary" and "against dispensary," instead of "dispensary" and "saloon" in the ballot, and that the matter be settled at the August election instead of in November. He made a strong speech in support of his amendment, saying the people outside the city were not very much concerned in the settlement of the matter. He thought it better that the question be settled as early as possible, hence he substituted August as the time for the primary.

Mr. G. S. Boren also offered an amendment to Col. Morehead's resolution, providing that the matter be left to the white people of Greensboro, since the people outside of the city should not be concerned in the matter.

Mr. John L. King offered the following as a substitute for the whole:

Resolved, That the question of the continuance or discontinuance of the dispensary in Greensboro be submitted to a primary of the white voters of Guilford county at the regular election to be held in August next, and to that end a box shall be opened at such election at each voting precinct, and all favoring the continuance of the dispensary shall vote a ticket "For Dispensary," and those who oppose its continuance shall vote a ticket "Against Dispensary," and in the event the majority shall vote "Against Dispensary," our candidates for the Senate and House of Representatives, if elected, shall, and they are hereby so instructed, to secure the unconditional repeal of the act establishing the dispensary in Greensboro; and if the majority shall vote "For Dispensary," then the same shall be continued. The central executive committee is hereby instructed and empowered to make all provisions necessary to carry out the above resolution.

Prof. Holt withdrew his amendment and accepted the substitute for the whole.

Senator Wilson explained his position in connection with the passage of the act providing for the establishment, saying he did what he considered for the best interests of the Democratic party. He urged that the matter be left to the white people only,

and that it be decided at the November election. He insisted that it would be inimical to the best interests of the party were it to be decided in August.

Mr. Boren withdrew his amendment in favor of Col. Morehead's substitute.

Colonel Morehead accepted the amendment offered by Prof. Holt, except that the time be left in August.

Mr. R. R. King's resolution, Col. Morehead's substitute and Mr. John L. King's substitutes were then read.

Before the roll call was begun Mr. R. R. King arose and said that, in the interest of harmony, he asked all to vote for Mr. John L. King's substitute for the whole.

The ballot resulted in 721 votes for Mr. King's substitute and 651 against. After the vote had been announced, on motion of Senator Wilson, the vote was made unanimous.

A motion to adjourn until 3 o'clock was overwhelmingly voted down, after which nominations were declared in order. Mr. J. M. Burton, of Summerfield, placed the name of Col. John A. Barringer before the convention. Mr. J. W. Forbis, of this city, was nominated by Mr. J. R. McCulloch, of Fentress township. C. H. Wilson, of Summerfield, nominated Gen. James D. Glenn.

For the House of Representatives Prof. T. E. Whitaker, of Oak Ridge, was nominated by W. H. Case, Esq., of Summerfield; Mr. Westcott Roberson, of High Point, by Mr. R. A. Wheeler, of that place, and Dr. M. F. Fox, of Clay, by Mr. T. A. Lyon, of this city. Later, at the request of Dr. Fox, his name was withdrawn, when Messrs. Whitaker and Roberson were nominated by acclamation.

In a few well merited words of eulogy, Judge John Gray Byam nominated Mr. J. F. Jordan for the office of Sheriff. Mr. R. M. Rees nominated Mr. W. J. Blackburn. The present incumbent, Joel Henry Gilmer, was nominated by Mr. J. F. R. Clapp, of Brick Church. Athis urgent request, the nomination of Sheriff Gilmer was withdrawn. Dr. Fox nominated Mr. Walter H. McLean, of Jefferson township.

On motion, the rules were suspended and Rev. A. G. Kirkman, was nominated by acclamation for register of deeds.

When the nomination of treasurer came up, the rules were again suspended, Mr. G. H. McKinney, the present incumbent, being renominated by acclamation.

Several gentlemen were placed in nomination for surveyor. The nomination of Mr. Samuel S. Wiley, of Jamestown township, "the son of the old man," was made by acclamation.

Only one name was placed before the convention, Dr. J. P. Turner, the present incumbent, for coroner. His nomination was made by acclamation.

For county commissioners the names of W. H. Ragan, W. C. Boren, W. H. Rankin; W. C. Michael, W. O. Doggett, W. E. Beville, J. M. Hendrix, Jacob Wagoner, John L. King and J. B. Ogburn were placed before the convention. The names of Messrs. Boren and Beville were withdrawn.

A short recess was taken for the various townships to ballot on the candidates nominated. On the first ballot for Senator the full vote was not polled, the ballot standing as follows: Glenn, 54; Barringer, 51, and Forbis 24. After the announcement of the result Mr. Forbis thanked the convention for the vote he had received and withdrew his name.

The second ballot resulted in the nomination of Glenn, who received 78 votes, Col. Barringer receiving 48; Mr. Forbis received a small vote. Gen. Glenn's nomination was made unanimous.

On the first ballot for sheriff Mr. Blackburn received 48 votes, Mr. Jordan 45, Mr. McLean 26, Gilmer 11 and Cook 5. On the second ballot Mr. McLean received a fraction over 18 and Messrs. Blackburn and Jordan a fraction over 59 votes each. Mr. Jordan was nominated on the third ballot, receiving a fraction over 76 and Mr. Blackburn a fraction over 61 votes. On motion of Mr. Blackburn the nomination was made unanimous.

On the first ballot for Commissioners Mr. W. H. Ragan was the only candidate nominated, receiving 119.03 votes. Messrs. Tuckner and Rankin

A GREAT NUISANCE.

Complaint of the Crowd of Loafers That Gather Around the Postoffice.

One of the greatest nuisances in Greensboro is the crowd of loafing negroes, and some white people, that congregate around the postoffice every day, making a roosting place of the coping surrounding the building. They gather on the shady side and sit for hours, expectorating tobacco juice on the pavement. It is extremely disagreeable, especially for ladies, many of whom pass on the other side of the street, except when compelled to go into the postoffice building.

Complaint has been often heard of this nuisance, but so far no steps have been taken to abate it. A large part of the population of Greensboro would like to see the crowd of loafers kept away from this place. If there is no city ordinance by which the officers can keep the place cleared, one should be adopted.

In the Churches Tomorrow.

Grace (Methodist Protestant)—Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. A special service in the interest of the "Twentieth Century Thank Offering" will take the place of the usual preaching service at eleven o'clock.

High mass and sermon at St. Benedict's Catholic church tomorrow morning at 9:30. Rev. Father Anthony will preach from the text, "They shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them." Vespers, sermon on the justice and mercy of God, and benediction at 8 p. m. All are welcome.

Rev. T. E. Wagg, the pastor, will preach at Centenary Methodist church tomorrow morning. There will be no services in the evening. Sunday at 9:45 a. m.

Communion service at West Market Street Methodist church tomorrow morning. Rev. Dr. Rowe, the pastor, will preach in the evening.

Christian Church—Services at the Friend's church at 3 p. m. tomorrow pastor T. I. Cox. All invited to worship with us.

At the First Presbyterian church tomorrow morning Dr. Smith will preach a special sermon to young men and women and to boys and girls. To all such a special invitation is extended.

At Washington Street Baptist church tomorrow there will be preaching by the pastor. Subject in the morning: "What We Are and What We Shall Be." At night: "Who Can Be Saved?"

MR. DICK'S SUCCESS.

He Believed in a Steam Laundry and Kept it up Until Now He Has a Most Magnificent One.

In 1891 Mr. John M. Dick, believing Greensboro was progressive enough to support a good steam laundry, started one in the brick building he now occupies on West Market street. His force, three in number, turned out just thirty-six dollars worth of work the first week he was in business, which was about one-third of his expenses. Although his expenses for the first year were greater by \$2,000 than his receipts, and for two years thereafter continually lost money, still he persevered, believing that it would justify him, and the results have proven his expectations good.

Today he possesses one of the best laundries in the South, with agencies in almost all of the surrounding towns.

Last year, finding that he had not enough machinery to accommodate his increased trade he invested about \$10,000 in improvements which more than doubled his output. Two machines alone, a mangle ironer for ironing sheets, counterpanes and similar articles, and one for collars and cuffs, cost \$2,100 at the factory. The plant complete represents an investment of \$17,000. Nothing but a trip through the place can convey any idea of the magnitude of the enterprise. The swiftly moving machinery, the active workers, and spotless linen turned out, forming a pretty sight. Mr. Dick has installed the last of his new machines and extends to the public a cordial invitation to come and inspect his place and bring their friends. He will be more than pleased to have the public call and look his place over.

The success of the enterprise may well be a source of pride to its owner and builder, and it shows also to the public what enterprise, push, and determination may accomplish in the growing town of Greensboro.

THE OREGON IS NOW ASHORE.

BOOKS PROTRUDE THROUGH HER.

Capt. Wilde Confirms the Press Report of Disaster—Ministers Still Unheard From—Kempff Says the Relief Force Got Half Way to Peking.

By Wire to the Telegram.

Washington, June 30—The navy department has received a despatch from Captain Wilde of the Oregon, dated at Chefoo yesterday, confirming the press report that the ship is aground fifty miles from Taku. He says that much water is in the forward compartment. A rock is through the side of the ship about the double bottom, about frame nineteen. There are some holes also through the bottom of the ship. Admiral Remy cables that the Brooklyn has been sent to assist the Oregon. A steamer of the Indo China Navigation Company is now setting out to aid the Oregon. The Miatosa Islands are dangerous.

MINISTERS STILL IN PEKIN.

Washington, June 30—An important dispatch has been received from Admiral Kempff, saying that the foreign ministers at Peking were notified on the 19th that they had twenty-four hours in which to leave. They refused and are still there. The Peking relief force got only half way.

EXECUTING SINCE JUNE 20TH.

London, June 30—A Nanking dispatch says that French priests here have received reports, that, beginning June 20, public execution of foreigners has been going on at Peking. The reports and that the French priests administered the last rites to those who were executed.

FIRE AT MR. PHOENIX'S.

His Residence Damaged and a Part of His Furniture Destroyed.

About 12:30 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the residence of Mr. Robert H. Phoenix, on the corner of East Lee and King streets. An alarm was turned in and the fire department was soon on the scene, throwing water on the building.

The fire probably originated from the kitchen fire, this portion of the house being badly burned. It spread to the other portion of the residence, burning the overhead ceiling and roof. The blaze was hard to fight, though the firemen managed it well with a strong water pressure.

A good portion of the household effects were saved. The furniture was saved. Mr. Phoenix was fortunate enough to save a new piano, on which there was no insurance.

The house is the property of Mr. John J. Phoenix.

Death of Little Clement Gillespie Wright.

The funeral services of little Clement Gillespie Wright, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Wright, who died at 12 o'clock last night after a few days illness, will take place at the residence of Mr. Thomas Bernard, on Asheboro street, this afternoon at 6:30 o'clock, conducted by Revs. E. W. Smith and J. D. Miller. The interment will take place in the Presbyterian church yard.

The news this morning of little Clem's death was a shock that brought sadness to all who knew the little fellow, and there are many hearts that ache in sympathy for his bereaved parents. He had just reached his fourteenth month, that most interesting period of babyhood, when his many bright, cute, sweet little ways, made him the idol of his parents and grand-parents, and even at this early age, beloved by a great many others. Besides being a very bright and attractive child, he was exceptionally handsome, and even in his last illness his little nature showed its sweetness and patience. The awful sense of desolation caused by this loss, and the vacancy thus left in hearts and home can be healed only by Him who made the wounds.

Cotton Market. New York, June 30.—Cotton—July, .956; August, .925; September, .867; October, .834.

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