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Republicans Agreed on Platform.

After long delay and much conferring the National Republican party last week at Chicago agreed on a platform for their party. The agreement was in the nature of a compromise between the two factions one that was in line with the Democrats and the other opposed to any league of nations of any kind. The platform that was finally adopted was of such a nature that it can be made to mean almost anything. It would be very much in line with the platform to say that it is a declaration to abide by the golden rule. They declare in positive terms that the Republican party is now and forever committed to the policy of fair dealings and just laws, and a lot of other declarations of this nature. All of which is meaningless as to what the party really stands for.

We suppose that it is a matter of impossibility to frame a platform that did not knock the President, for that is all the last Congress did for many months. Take this as a sample of the way they went after the President.

"The president clings tenaciously to his autocratic war-time powers. His veto of the resolution declaring peace and his refusal to sign the bill repealing war-time legislation no longer necessary, evidence his determination not to restore to the nation and to the states the form of government provided for by the Constitution. This usurpation is intolerable and deserves the severest condemnation."

The question of how to deal with labor and capital when disagreements arise is one of the live questions of this age. The following will give the reader some idea of how the platform deals with important question.

"In private industries we do not advocate the principle of compulsory arbitration, but we favor impartial commissions and better facilities for voluntary mediation, conciliation and arbitration, supplemented by that full publicity which will enlist the influence of an aroused public opinion. The government should take the initiative in inviting the establishment of tribunals of commissions for the purpose of voluntary arbitration and of investigation of disputed issues."

All of which means practically nothing in the settlement of a labor strike or a capital lock-out.

Much of the platform is made up of nice sayings and smooth words that fill up space in a newspaper and give an impression that something had been done. Take this as a sample of nice words.

"We demand that every American citizen shall enjoy the ancient and constitutional right of free speech, free press and free assembly, and the no less sacred right of the qualified voter to be represented by his duly chosen representatives, but no men may advocate resistance to the law, and no man may advocate violent overthrow of the government."

Some of the great northern dailies declare that the platform can be made to mean almost anything a public speaker cares to read into it. Gravelly the document winds up by declaring that the party is ready "to repel the arrogant challenge of any class and to maintain a government of all the people as contrasted with government for some of the people; and, finally, to ally unrest, suspicion and strife and to secure the co-operation of all citizens in the solution of the complex problems of the day to the end that our country, happy and prosperous, proud of its past, sure of itself and of its institutions, may look forward with confidence to the future."

It appears that the Democratic party is highly pleased with the effort of the Republicans to make a platform. If the country can be satisfied with such a document we will be surprised.

While Roy Poore was filling the gasoline tank of Mr. Paul's car in front of F. M. Poore's store several days ago a young man stopped to speak to the driver, throwing down a lighted match with which he had just lit a cigarette. The gas ignited and a serious accident was narrowly averted, the blaze set fire to Roy Poore's clothing and his arm and hand were badly burned and an explosion of the car tank was avoided with difficulty.

Grady Frank, the small son of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Frank had the misfortune to fall from the porch Wednesday morning breaking his arm between the shoulder and elbow.

Mrs. A. Birch and children of Rush are spending the week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Davis at Breezy Height north west of town.

Newspaper Changes

This week the Times Leader and Job printing office changed hands and is now the property of J. H. Carter, of this city. Sometime last week D. S. Hodge bought the interest of Editor T. M. George, who owned about three-fourths of the stock, it being an incorporated business. Later in the week Mr. Hodge bought up most of the other stock. On Saturday of last week he closed out his interests to Mr. Carter who took charge of the business on Monday of this week. We understand that the property changed hands at about \$4,000 valuation.

Mr. George sold the business for the very good reason that his health and age would not permit of his giving the business the close attention that it needed. For some months his health, he tells us, has not been such that he was justified in continuing longer to closely apply himself. He has no plans for the future, but will continue to live here and will take a long rest with the hope that he may regain his health. He has no intention of again engaging in the publishing business.

Mr. Carter tells us that he has no plans for the future to give out, but he will operate the job department of the business. It seems to be the general understanding that the newspaper will be revived later, possibly in time for the fall campaign, but Mr. Carter has not given out anything of this kind.

One interesting fact that comes out from all this is that the leaders of the Republican party in this county are now out of the publishing business with no intention of again engaging in it. Men who are known as leaders of the party are not disposed to encourage the party to again try to have a party organ.

All of which makes one recall something of the history of the Leader. It was started more than 15 years ago by the late Jack Albright who published it for some years and made it a live county paper that was a power in this section for his party. He was able to get out a paper that pleased his following and he received the support of his party and as a part of the reward for his services he held office here and once represented this county in the legislature.

Later the Democrats of the county bought out the paper and for two years it was run by T. B. Garner under the name of the Breeze Again Mr. Albright became its owner and when his health failed Mr. George became the owner and manager. For several years now Mr. George has been at the helm and has made it a strong editorial paper for his party.

Local Crop Conditions

Ye editor went to Dobson Tuesday along with Mr. J. D. Smith and had a chance to see crop conditions in this part of the county.

All along the road the fields point to a bountiful harvest this year. Of course it is too early yet to predict about most crops, for the lack of rain often seriously affects vegetation. The wheat is as fine as one ever sees it in this section, and there appears to be the usual amount of it. Corn is knee high and green and thrifty and growing fast. There are plenty of peaches and other fruit, the June peaches are turning red on the trees. We were surprised at the amount of corn that is planted. Everywhere along the road are fields of corn and certainly there will be no shortage of bread in this part of the country if the rains do not fail us. The tobacco is beginning to grow and the leaves are as large as a man's hand and the plants all of uniform size which means that the crop will be uniform in size. There appears to be a perfect stand for one sees no missing hills.

The houses along the way, many of them, have been newly painted and this part of the county has changed so much in the past few years from what it once was that one would hardly know the section who had not visited it in five years. A large force of teams and men are busy moving dirt and making good roads near White Plains and the road they have already finished shows that they are making a road that will be a credit to any section.

Walter and Cecil Carter left last week for Baltimore, Md. where they have accepted positions.

A Fraud On Farmers

A man passing as J. E. Johnson has recently been canvassing the county for this newspaper without authority to do so. We have no agent and have authorized no man to make this canvass of the county. The only man living who has our permission to take subscriptions to The News is Rev. M. B. Phillips, a Baptist minister, who preaches in this section and takes a few subscriptions as he passes among the people. He does not undertake to canvass for the paper, but just as a matter of accommodation to his friends now and then he takes their names and money and reports the same to this office.

And if the citizens of the county have been paying their money to a traveling man for this paper they have been defrauded and should take steps to bring the guilty party to justice.

The following letter from Mr. D. M. Smith, of Dobson, N. C. will throw light on the subject.

Dobson, N. C. R. F. D. 1. June 15, 1920.

Publishers of The Mount Airy News:

A man came to me on the 24th of May, 1920 and said that his name was J. E. Johnson and his business was getting subscribers for The Mount Airy News. He said I would get the paper twice a week and the Progressive Farmer once a week for \$1, he said the paper would come the next Saturday. So I subscribed for both papers and gave him the dollar. My papers have not come yet. A lot of other citizens did the same and none of them have received their papers. The man said he was out to get 10,000 subscribers for The News. Now do you know this man? Please write to me at once what to expect and if he has put up a fraud on us we must look him up.

Respectfully,
 D. M. Smith

Remains Of J. F. Rawley Brought Here

Word was received here Sunday of the death of J. F. Rawley, of Washington, D. C. formerly of this city, his death occurred in a hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Rawley had been looking after business interests in Chicago and Cincinnati and was taken sick in Cincinnati. His nephew Lindsey Rawley, of Washington, visited him in the hospital there and found him suffering with erysipelas on one side of his face, and not able to make the trip to Washington, but did not anticipate his early death.

Mr. Rawley, who was about 67 years old, was an active member of the First Baptist church, Washington, D. C. and his funeral was preached at the First Baptist church in this city Wednesday at 2 P. M. by Rev. C. C. Haymore and the remains laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery with Masonic honors. He was a bachelor and is survived only by his brother Lindsey Rawley, of Winston, and several nieces and nephews. His sister-in-law Mrs. D. A. Rawley and son Lindsey of Washington, accompanied the remains to this city.

Miss Katherine Hubbard, of Elkin, is the house guest of Miss Elizabeth Merritt.

To My Surry Friends

I am taking this opportunity to thank my many friends who are urging me for the next Republican candidate for sheriff of Surry county. I appreciate the confidence that citizens impose upon me by thus urging me for this important office. I also appreciate the confidence shown me in the past by the honors I have received at the hands of my party. But I am forced to decline to allow my name to be used this year as a candidate for the very good reason that my health and pressing business will not allow me to enter the race. To enter it would be to do myself an injustice, and I know of this better than the general public. It is for this reason and this alone that I decline to allow my name to be used as a candidate.

Again thanking my friends for their interest and support, I am most respectfully,
 W. L. Chilton.
 Ararat, N. C. June, 1920.

Plant Watermelons

The fields of tobacco along the road between this city and Dobson cause us to recall the days of our boyhood when living on the farm. When ye editor thinks of those days one of the mind pictures that stand out prominently is the watermelons that grew in the tobacco field. We had a custom back then of planting watermelon seed in the missing hills along about this time of the year. The melons would come in later than the regular crop that we planted along the sand ridge in the river bottom. Of all the good eating that a boy ever had, the best is to find a nice melon on a frosty morning hid in the grass. Every boy loses his knife, and we recall that just such was our luck at times. But a boy can always find a way to eat a melon. We recall how we would burst the melon on a rock or a stump and then with a splinter from a fence rail scoop out the rich, red, frosty, cool meat from the rind. If we had any interest in the many fields of tobacco between this city and Dobson we would have melons growing in those fields and have plenty of ripe melons along about tobacco curing time. They do not grow large when thus planted, but they grow good, and the work of cultivating the tobacco is all that is required for the melon vines. Thus one gets the melons without any extra work. Get busy and plant the missing hills in melon seed.

And along about next frost bring a nice one to this office for making this valuable suggestion. That is all we charge for this article.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Strayhorn spent the past week end with relatives at East Bend.

Dr. J. E. Banner hopes to receive enough of his new dental office equipment to open his office Monday for practice.

The Coal Situation.

We have orders booked for delivery in this town which total 14 cars, and have the promise of six cars between now and Sept. 1st. with which to take care of this amount of tonnage.


For this reason we stopped taking orders, last Saturday with a price named. We will put your name down and get the coal for you at some price, if we can.

It is our intention to try and take care of the customers in this town if we possibly can, but right now the situation looks the worst it has at any time in my experience.

Coal is now selling at \$10.00 per net ton at the mines, with freight to add, making a total of \$13.00 per ton before we touch it, and we can't get any at that price.

We will still take orders for the "IDEAL" coal, but will not put the price down as we do not know what it will cost when we deliver. Please remember "CASH TO ALL" YOURS TO SERVE AS BEST WE CAN.

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Mrs. Homelover:

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 Frank Carter, Jr. Drew Martin

Mrs. J. H. Prather and son John W. B. Brown and W. M. Gordon, returned last week from Spartanburg, Monroe, N. C. were business visitors here this week. They once lived at this city and since going to Monroe have established an insurance business that is one of the prominent enterprises of their town.

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9.50 black Paris kid Oxfords, ...	8.00
5.50 Billiken Oxfords, ...	4.75
9.00 black Paris kid Pumps, ...	7.00
6.00 Billiken Oxfords, ...	5.00
8.00 black kid and patent leather Pumps, ...	7.00
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