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Prohibition Likely To Be Minor Issue

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Washington, D. C., June 29.—The Republican National Convention performed precisely as was forecast in these dispatches: it re-nominated Hoover and Curtis—and there was nothing that looked like a contest for anything but the Prohibition plank. And that plank, as adopted with President Hoover's approval, is precisely what was forecast by your correspondent.

Those who understood the ins and outs of politics and have more than a superficial knowledge of the state of public opinion are offering bets that when the early shouting is all over there will be so little to choose between the pronouncements of the Republicans and Democrats on the prohibition question as to make it a secondary issue in the Presidential campaign. And that is what the statesmanlike leaders of both parties hope will come about.

In the meantime, however, the President and the Republicans who follow his leadership, are under a violent attack by the extreme repealists led by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University. Dr. Butler and President Hoover have seldom or never seen eye to eye on any question. Mr. Hoover regards the Butler school of thought as subversive and un-American. Dr. Butler regards Mr. Hoover's methods and policies as inept and un-Republican. That difference between two individuals is unimportant except as indicating as to what difference of opinion inside the Republican Party as there is inside the Democratic Party.

In the matter of Prohibition, however, Mr. Hoover and his friends who favored the adoption of the party declaration on the subject adhered very closely indeed to the historical position of the Republican party. That position, since the time of Lincoln has been conservative.

Every change that has been made in fundamental laws in the past 60 years has been put forward in the first instance by the Democrats. The income tax, the direct election of U. S. Senators, prohibition and woman suffrage. Once in the Constitution, however, it has always been the Republican policy to stand behind them, against further change.

Historically, too, the Republican party has been the "dry" party since time immemorial; its voting strength coming largely from the states which voted themselves dry long before national prohibition.

In the light of this historical position of the Republicans, political observers here are asking what Dr. Butler or anybody else expected the Republican Convention to do on Prohibition, beyond what it did? And at the same time they are asking what the Democrats could do to come any nearer satisfying the repealists.

Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment without qualifying restrictions would throw the liquor question right back where it was, open saloon and everything. Neither of the two great parties could well afford to propose that, even if its leadership were unanimous in wanting the saloon back, which is far from the case.

There is no way under the Constitution for a referendum whereby the total number of individual votes on each side can be counted for or against the proposal. The Federal government knows the individual voter only as a source of taxes or as a violator of a Federal statute. In all other aspects the contact of Washington with the people of the United States is through the States of which we are citizens. And any change in the constitution must be made by the states as such, three quarters of them being required to make a change regardless of whether they are the largest or the smallest states.

What the outright repealists object to, however, is the declaration that the amendment to be proposed, in case the Republican Party is able to get it adopted by Congress, must contain a provision enabling the Federal Government to protect the dry states against illicit liquor distribution and that states which want to go wet must adopt measures to prevent the return of the saloon.

TODAY and TOMORROW

By Frank Parker Stockbridge

Postage

I remember when the letter postage rate was first reduced from three cents to two, in 1883. Twice since then it has been put back to the old figure, once during the World War and now under the new revenue law, beginning July 6.

The standard color for the ordinary letter postage stamp has been red for so long that Uncle is printing thousands of millions of new three-cent stamps in red, instead of the purple three-cent stamps now in use. And as Washington's picture always appears on the most commonly used stamp, the head of Lincoln, which now adorns the three-cent stamp will be replaced by that of the Father of His Country.

I knew one old lady, now dead, who never would use a two-cent stamp on her letters. She used "mourning" stationery with a deep black border and the red color was inharmonious. So she used three-cent stamps because they were purple.

Monocles . . . Wrist Watches

The first man I ever saw wearing a monocle died the other day, John G. Milburn jr., who came back from Oxford to Buffalo, in the 1890's with a single glass stuck in one eye. Everybody laughed at him just as they did at Walter Nurzey, the first man I ever saw wearing a wrist watch. Folks in America had the idea that monocles and wrist watches were signs of effeminacy.

The fact is that both the monocle and the wrist watch are strictly military devices. We got familiar with the handy wrist watch during the war, and nobody laughs now at a man who wears one. But few yet realize that the monocle was invented by an officer of the English Guards, more than a hundred years ago, when the order was issued that no officer might wear spectacles. Many officers wore spectacles. Many officers with one defective eye found themselves in trouble until one of them had the bright idea of a single eye-glass which could not be any stretch of the imagination be called "spectacles."

Why a man who has only one bad eye should have to wear two lenses has always puzzled me anyhow.

Bachelors

Only one President of the United States has been a bachelor. James Buchanan never married. Presidents Tyler, Fillmore, Benjamin Harrison, Roosevelt and Wilson were each married twice, however, which brings up the average.

Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland is the only man I think of in recent years even seriously considered as a Presidential possibility who is a bachelor. It is so unusual for a man to achieve a high position without the aid of a wife that the few who have done so stand out. Another bachelor who got ahead in the world without feminine assistance was the late S. Davies Warfield, also a Marylander. He was Mayor of Baltimore and later President of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad.

There is for most of us, however, no spur to ambition such as matrimony provides.

BAPTIST STEWARDSHIP CONTEST AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The young people, ages 6-25, in all the Baptist churches of Jackson county are expected to take part in the annual Stewardship Contest and Young People's Rally to be held at the Sylva Baptist Church, Tuesday, July 26.

Interested churches and young people should get busy at once by writing to W. M. U. Headquarters, Recorder Building, Raleigh, for information and instructions concerning this contest.

Mrs. I. K. Stafford, Cullowhee, Associational Young People's Leader, will be glad to help in any way possible. The Program for "Young People's Rally Day and Stewardship Contest" will appear at a later date.

The Republican plank pleases neither that element of the dry wing which regards prohibition as something holy and the use of alcohol as sinful, nor that section of the wet wing, which would throw away all restrictions on the liquor traffic.

The Democrats Move In



In the same quarters that noused the Republicans at Chicago in mid-June, the Democratic National Convention got under way as pictured in scenes above. Upper left, interior of Stadium as the convention came to order. Upper right, Senator Cordell Hull, Tennessee, chairman of the important Platform Committee. Lower right, scene on Madison Street, showing delegates milling around the convention-hall entrance.

MRS. EUNICE RIDLEY DIES

Mrs. Eunice Ridley died Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Cope, on Betty's Creek, at the age of 78. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at Zion Hill, by Rev. T. F. Deitz, Rev. J. H. Stanberry, and Rev. W. C. Reed.

Mrs. Ridley was a devout Christian, and a consecrated member of the Baptist church for many years. She was the widow of the late Bill Ridley, and a daughter of the late John Franks. She is survived by two sons, Charlie Ridley and Cole Ridley, of Sylva; two daughters, Mrs. W. A. Cope, and Mrs. Nannie Woodard; and a number of grandchildren and other relatives.

OPERA SINGER HERE

Miss Mildred Patten, opera singer, who was a great success in the Vagabond King, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Weidlich, at the Log Cabin Association, for several weeks.

HOLD FUNERAL SERVICES FOR W. C. MARTIN, VETERAN

On the early morning of June 21, Mr. Carroll Martin passed away at his home after a brief illness. He was 84 years of age. He united with the Methodist church in youth. He lately expressed himself that "to pass over and unite with loved ones gone before would be a happy exchange." He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eliza Martin and six children, Mrs. Cora Hampton and Mrs. Grace Fox of Tacoma, Wash.; Mr. Claud Martin of Arkansas; Mr. Grady Martin of Canton; and Mrs. Selma Cathey and Mr. Clarence Martin of Qualla. He belonged to a large, prominent family of which only one member now remains, Mr. D. A. Martin of near Bryson City.

On Wednesday morning funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church, with Mrs. L. L. Shaver at the organ. The choir softly sang "Abide With Me," "Nearer My God to Thee," and "God Be with You Till We Meet Again."

Appropriate scripture reading and remarks were given by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Peeler, followed by prayer and a sermon by Rev. J. L. Colville of Bryson City, using as a text "For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep." He spoke words of commendation for the dead and admonition to the living, after which words of comfort and sympathy were spoken by Rev. J. L. Hyatt.

A large audience attended the funeral, many relatives and friends from Bryson City, Sylva and the surrounding country were present. The casket and altar were banked with beautiful flowers. After the services the body was carried to the Camp Ground for interment.

SYLVA MEETS HAZELWOOD ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

Sylva will play Hazelwood, leaders in the Industrial league, here the Fourth of July. Hazelwood has won seven games in the league while they have lost one. The Sylva club boasts a clean record in the Smoky Mountains League with six wins and no losses. The game between the two league leaders is expected to be one of the best games of this season. There sprang up a keen rivalry between the two teams several years ago when they were both in the old Smoky Mountains League.

It is not yet known who will be on the mound for Sylva, but it is thought that Hubert Coffey, right hander will do the tossing. Hazelwood is expected to use their veteran mound ace, Burrell, to oppose Coffey. If these two pitchers go against each other, a battle royal may be expected.

QUALLA

There was a Bird Reunion at the C. A. Bird home in the afternoon of June 22nd. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bird, Mr. T. W. McLaughlin and family, Mr. J. M. Bird and family of Bryson City, Mr. W. E. Bird and family of Cullowhee, Mrs. Mary Blackwell of Winston-Salem, and son Roy, of Asheville Farm School, Mr. Roy Bird and family of Guilford College, Mrs. D. S. Flintom of Charleston, S. C., Mr. H. G. Bird and family of Sylva, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Terrell and Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell. Tables were placed on the grassy lawn, under the shade of the trees, upon which a bountiful picnic supper was spread. A pleasant social afternoon was enjoyed by all present.

On Sunday morning Rev. L. Rogers delivered an interesting message on "Bearing Witness for Jesus," at the Baptist church.

Mrs. Y. Howell of near Waynesville is visiting relatives.

Miss Gertrude Ferguson and Miss Winnie Cooper visited at Mr. J. K. Terrell's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shelton, Mrs. J. L. Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Shaver, Mr. Golman Kinsland, Mrs. J. H. Hughes and Mr. J. M. Hughes and family recently motored to Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Mrs. L. W. Crawford, Miss Elizabeth Johnston and Mr. Earl Crawford of Willets called on Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell Sunday afternoon.

Rev. L. Rogers, Rev. J. L. Hyatt and Prof. and Mrs. L. L. Shaver were guests at Mr. G. A. Kinsland's Sunday.

Mr. H. G. Ferguson and family Mr. Oscar Gibson and family and Mrs. Y. Howell visited at Mr. G. T. Cooper's, near Dillsboro, Sunday.

Mr. W. F. House and family and Mrs. Laura Snyder called at Mr. D. M. Shuler's.

Harry Shelton visited his grandfather, Mr. J. E. Rogers at Whittier.

Ray Bailey Released By Judge Walter E. Moore In Hearing Here Monday

FORTY YEARS AGO

Tuckaseige Democrat, June 15, 22, 29, 1892

Married, at the home of the bride's father, J. C. Owen, on Sunday, June 5, Mr. J. M. Rigdon, of Cullowhee, to Miss Charlotte Owen, the popular Sunday School teacher at Saul's Creek Church, Rev. J. A. Galloway officiating. We wish the happy couple much joy.

Prof. and Mrs. Madison and Miss Louise Hobby went to Waynesville, yesterday, to attend the Teachers' Association. Miss Hobby will go on to Chicago.

Mrs. M. L. Lueck, of Virginia, is visiting the editor and family.

Mrs. D. J. Allen left this afternoon for Waynesville, called there by a telegram bearing the sad intelligence of the death of his son-in-law, Mr. Tom Allison. He was an engineer on some road in Tennessee and was killed in a wreck. He leaves a wife and child.

After a protracted illness, Mr. Reid McDade died at Dillsboro last Friday night.

Mrs. W. F. Tompkins and children of Webster are visiting here this week.

The Democratic National Convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated on the first ballot, Grover Cleveland. Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, was nominated for vice president. It is Cleveland and honest, economical, popular government against Harrison and corruption, extravagance and monopoly—Cleveland and low tariff taxes against Harrison and taxes levied on the masses of the people for the benefit of the protected few.

From the Democratic National Platform: We solemnly declare that the need of a return to the fundamental principles of free, popular government, based on home rule and individual liberty, was never more urgent than now, when the tendency to centralize all power at the federal capital has become a menace to the reserved rights of the states that strikes at the very roots of our government under the constitution as framed by the fathers of the republic.

Miss Myra Love is visiting at her grandmother's Mrs. Myra Love's.

After a long and wasting illness Miss Emma Enloe, daughter of Mrs. Amanda Enloe, quietly breathed her last on Sunday, and was buried in the cemetery near town yesterday.

The regular sound of the whistle at the kaolin factory three times a day now salutes our ears, indicating the resumption of work. Manager Robinson says that the prospects for success were never so bright as now.

Under the orders of the Railroad Commission mixed trains have been abandoned on the Murphy branch and separate passenger and freight trains are run. The tiresome delay of "doubling" on the Balsam is avoided, as well as other inconveniences, for which we are profoundly grateful to the Commission. It is said that on and after next Sunday passenger trains will be run as on week days which is much to be regretted. We do not need the Sunday trains.

GRIGGS TO CONDUCT UNION REVIVAL MEETING IN SYLVA

Rev. W. L. Griggs, pastor of 9th Avenue Baptist church, Charlotte, will do the preaching at a series of evangelistic services, to begin in the Methodist church, Sunday morning. Both the Baptist and Methodist churches are participating in and sponsoring the series of services.

The meetings will continue for two weeks, and the public generally is invited to attend them.

Ray Bailey, alleged by Greenville officers to have been the man who shot and killed policeman A. B. Hunt, in a gun battle at the corner of Buncombe and Rutherford streets, in Greenville, on Sunday night, May 1, was released by Judge Walter E. Moore on a habeas corpus proceeding, Monday, and left with relatives for his home near Burnsville, Tuesday morning. Bailey was brought to the hospital here early Monday morning and entered as Roy Keith, suffering with gun-shot wounds through his abdomen, his hand, and across his back. A great stir among officers of North and South Carolina resulted, when his brother-in-law, Osborne Briggs, and his brother, Vernon Bailey were arrested at the hospital, a few days later, when they called to see the wounded youth.

In the proceeding here, Monday, Judge Moore allowed both sides to go into their evidence, on the writ, sworn out after Governor Gardner had honored extradition papers from South Carolina. Ray Bailey, seated in a wheel chair, with his nurse beside him, and in an evident weak condition, did not take the stand, but his affidavit was introduced, in which he set forth that he and Howell Wilson had gone to the home of W. C. Smith, on Brevard Road, West Asheville for dinner on the fateful Sunday. That about one o'clock they left to go fishing, but instead went to Chunn's Cove and got a half gallon of liquor, and later went into the woods and played poker, where Bailey won about \$5.00 from Wilson. After that they started to Burnsville, according to Bailey's affidavit, and stopped on the road near the Madison-Yancey county line, at a filling station, where they bought drinks and cigarettes, and cut the cards to see who paid the score of 45c. They got into a row regarding the manner of cutting the cards, and after being ordered away from the filling station, went a short distance down the road, where they stopped, got into another altercation, and Wilson shot Bailey, accounting for the wounds. He set forth that he did not disclose the cause of his wounds for the reason that he had been shot by his best friend, and did not want to get him into trouble. He stated that Wilson left him lying on the side of the road, and drove off. In a short time a Tennessee car came along, stopped, picked him up and took him to his brother's home, near Asheville.

Sinclair B. Conley, of Biltmore Junior College testified that he knew Ray Bailey, saw him standing on the road with another man, near the Madison-Yancey line, about 10:30 on the night of the matter under investigation, and that he stopped and talked with Ray and invited him to accompany him to Asheville. The time that Prof. Conley said he saw Bailey in Madison, was about the same time that Mr. Hunt was killed in Greenville.

John English, filling station operator, in Madison, corroborated Bailey's affidavit, stating that he saw him and Wilson at his filling station, that night, and that they had a row over 45c to pay for the purchases, that he ordered them away, and that the car went a short distance down the road, stopped, and that he heard several shots fired, and saw the car drive off, and that a car coming from the other direction soon stopped and picked up someone and went on its way toward Asheville.

Bascomb Heilman, of Johnson City, Tenn., stated that he and Arthur Blevins, neither of whom knew Ray Bailey at the time, were going to Asheville, and found a man lying on the road in a wounded condition, picked him up and took him to Vernon Bailey's home, and that they learned that the man they found was Ray Bailey.

Grover Robinson stated that a Tennessee car stopped at his filling station to get gas, and that Ray Bailey was in the back seat, wounded. Dr. A. S. and Dr. A. A. Nichols testified that as Bailey was going under the influence of ether, he said "well, it's just 45c difference. Let

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