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CONVENTION AT FRISCO NAMES TEN CANDIDATES

Nomination of W. G. McAdoo Comes As Surprise. Delegates In Humor To POUND Senate Record.

San Francisco, June 30.—After hearing ten candidates placed in nomination for the presidency the Democratic convention after an 8-hour session today recessed until 11 o'clock tomorrow. John W. Davis, ambassador to Great Britain, was the only man on the list of those for whom nominating speeches were to be made who was not reached on the day's program.

The candidates placed in nomination were Senator Owen, of Oklahoma; Attorney General Palmer, Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska; Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic national committee; Wm. G. McAdoo, Governor Smith, of New York; Governor Edwards, of New Jersey; Secretary Meredith, Governor Cox, of Ohio; and James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany.

The big demonstration of the day came with the presentation of Palmer, Cox and McAdoo, although there was a spontaneous outburst with the presentation of Governor Smith. The Cox and Palmer demonstrations were fully expected and looked for but the McAdoo nomination, coming after days of uncertainty as to whether a nominating speech was to be made for him or not, added an element of interest and surprise. It was easily the loudest, longest and most tumultuous one, and kept the convention in an uproar for the best part of an hour.

San Francisco, June 28.—From the shadow of the Golden Gate, the hosts of democracy sent a roaring tribute across the country today to President Wilson.

The national convention flung aside for the moment the business before it, while delegates carried on a demonstration that swept the great gathering off its feet. It was a half hour before the outburst evoked by a sudden display of the President's portrait could be stilled. Again and again as his name was mentioned, the cheers broke out anew to culminate in the shout of approval that adopted and sent to the White House tonight a striking testimonial of his party's faith and pride in the man who has led it through troublesome years.

Arrangements for the first national political convention to be held in the far west had been well made. The great hall, its clean architectural lines almost unmarred by added decorations, was ready, and through a dozen wide entries there, thousands poured in with little delay or congestion. They found a wide octagon space awaiting them with a massive organ roaring its stockade of pipes above the platform and the other sides rising to a far line of seats under high windows framing squares of California's bluest skies.

In the center of the hall where delegates railed within a wide square of seats, an inner ceiling was suspended, colored in soft, old blue that rested the eye and lent something of quiet dignity to the scene.

Below a forest of standards bearing the names of states and territories was the only reminder of national conventions of the past. Perched high beside the organ in a special gallery, a military band whiled away the time.

As the noon hour and the opening time approached, a color guard of marines appeared on the platform. A six foot sergeant, with the gleaming folds of a regimental flag in his hand, made a vivid spot of color on the platform. At his side stood the armed non-commissioned officers of the color guard and with them two marine buglers.

When Vice Chairman Kremer, of the national committee, gave the signal, a bugler sounded "attention," the sharp staccato call rang out over the uproar of convention. The first notes of the Star Spangled Banner rang out from the band and the organ together, and as delegates, alternates, spectators and attendants stood in tribute a monster flag dropped from the ceiling to form a wall of color behind the platform. It obscured the view of the band gallery and organ

loft, but as it fell the booming tones of the organ rose from behind it, joining with the majestic thunder in the national anthem. From floor and galleries delegates and spectators joined in the mighty tones.

Then came the touch that set the convention off with a wild shout of exultation. The great flag was gathered slowly upward in the slings and as it rose, it uncovered a flag draped and illumined portrait of President Wilson placed against the high pipes of the organ. For a moment there was a brief pause. Then came the tumult.

A wild shout rang down from the floor. It was caught up and echoed from side to side. Rising with hysterical force, the sound grew and grew, a formless, toneless thing that had in it something that stirred the blood and pulled at the emotions. Delegates leaped on their chairs, waving and shouting. They stamped into the aisles, jostling and cheering in a packed mass before the platform.

Over in the Virginia section a delegate ripped the standard from the loop and charged toward the speaker's stand, waving it high in the air. Other states followed. Some of them were slower to get in motion, but as the shouting and tumult continued, standard after standard came up and the march around the hall began. In the New York section, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt seized the standard and rushed into the crowded aisle, battling with others who sought with eager hands to uphold the sign.

San Francisco, June 29.—The Democratic national convention wound up its preliminaries today and prepared to get down to business tomorrow.

With the administration forces continuing in apparently complete control, it perfected its organization accepting Senator Joseph T. Robinson, of Arkansas, as its permanent chairman; permitted states to upset the unit rule, provided for taking women on the Democratic national committee and prepared for the business of having candidates nominated by adopting an order of business which will permit the delivery of nominating speeches before the platform is brought in.

Balloting for a nominee however, will not be permitted before the platform has been adopted by the convention.

With the slate thus cleared of preliminaries and arrangements set for the principal business the convention after a three hour session adjourned to resume at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

What the second session lacked in the dramatic fire of the opening day, it made up in the smoothly working control which administration supporters exercised. Anti-Wilson contests such as that of Senator Reed, of Missouri, for a place on the floor were swept away with ruthless but good natured haste. Even the "boos and hisses" which greeted the mention of Senator Reed's name had a tone of humorous ridicule.

The announcement of "unanimous vote" delivered by the chairman a feeble chorus of "noes" here and there never failed to bring cheers and laughter from the masses of delegates.

The delegates were still of a mind for more pounding of the Republican party and the Chicago platform when Senator Robinson delivered his speech as permanent chairman. He woke them to uproarious approval when he shouted that he made "no apology for article 10" of the league covenant. To the accompaniment of applause he lambasted the senate under Republican leadership for procrastination in dealing with the treaty and for its rules that a senator can talk to such an extent on any subject that "nobody but God can stop him."

"It is to the shame of the senate," he shouted, "that it took a greater time to defeat the treaty than the army and navy took to win the war." The delegates leaped to their feet, cheering. It was a minute before he could be heard again, shouting: "And they left the treaty right where it was when the President brought it back from Paris."

America desires law and order—but not too much law or too many orders. Cleveland Press.

IREDELL CITIZEN DIED SUDDENLY HERE SUNDAY

Mr. James F. Miller, aged 32 years, who made his home with Mr. X. N. Lonsford, near the Wilkes-Iredell county line and near Jennings postoffice, was taken suddenly ill at a local cafe in this city last Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock and within ten minutes' time he was dead.

The deceased motored from his home Sunday morning in company with Marsh Myers, son of R. M. Myers, to spend the day with Mr. Burley Myers at Crickets postoffice. On their way home in the afternoon they stopped here for the purpose of obtaining supper. Mr. Miller walked into the City Cafe and ordered meal. It was served. In a few moments he began gasping for breath seemingly as if he might have been choked, or that his wind-pipe had become closed. Seeing that he was ill several citizens near the cafe came to his assistance and medical aid was summoned. When the doctor arrived four or five minutes later he was unconscious. An effort was made to save his life but to no avail.

The body was later removed to the undertaking establishment of Reins Brothers, where at 10 o'clock an inquest was held by Coroner C. P. Crysel. Among those testifying was Mr. X. N. Lonsford, of Jennings postoffice, with whom the deceased had lived during the past two years. He stated that on several former occasions Mr. Miller had been subject to attacks similar to acute indigestion and that these attacks occurred near meal-time. Some of the attacks had rendered him prostrate. After hearing all the evidence the jury gave as their verdict that "death was caused by some natural cause unknown to them." The coroner's jury was composed of Messrs. N. S. Forester, James C. Hubbard, J. R. Marlow, W. S. Pearson, W. H. Starr and G. A. Crysel.

Mr. Miller was an unmarried man, and those who knew him spoke highly of his moral character and integrity. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Nancy Miller, one brother, Mr. Gaither Miller, of Caples, W. Va., and the following sisters: Mesdames Lee Millapps E. F. Cass, Millard Templeton, X. N. Lonsford, of Iredell county, Noah Gant, of Catawba county, and Jude Smith, of Alexander county. Funeral and burial services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at Grassy Knob church.

WHEN FRIEND MEETS FRIEND.

In commemoration of the fact that for four consecutive years Mr. J. A. Revis, Star Route carrier between (il-reath postoffice and Wilkesboro, and Mr. J. C. Critcher, carrier on the Wilkesboro-Moravian Falls route have been meeting each other in Wilkesboro every day, with the exception of Sunday and days when one might be off-duty, for their noon repast, Mr. Critcher was host to his fellow worker and friend Wednesday of this week, this being the last day that he will carry the mail over his route. Before leaving home on his regular trip to Wilkesboro Mrs. Critcher gave him a large box containing good things to eat and when the noon hour was reached the food was spread and Mr. Critcher invited his friend and the present to partake of the meal that had been prepared to bring to memory the pleasant hours the mail-carriers had enjoyed together during the time allotted for rest during each day of public service that is now history.

RIGGS-SHAW.

The announcement of the marriage of Miss Izona Riggs to Mr. Harry Shaw of Miami, Fla., the wedding occurring in Asheville on June 19th, will be read with interest by the many friends of the bride. The information was conveyed by a telegram received recently by Mrs. J. E. Duncan. The bride is pleasantly remembered here, having been a member of the faculty of the North Wilkesboro schools during the year 1918-19.

COUNTY SINGERS ASSOCIATION TO MEET SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The annual meeting of the Wilkes County Singers Association will meet in the courthouse in Wilkesboro next Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p. m., July 4th. All classes in the county are requested to be present and participate in the singing.

A. M. VANNOY, Pres. U. A. MILLER, Sec'y.

CAMPAIGN COST OF 1ST PRIMARY TOTALS \$26,718

Washington, June 25.—During the primary campaign in North Carolina all candidates, according to the latest figures filed with Tyler Page, clerk of the house, expended a total of \$26,718.

The two candidates for the senate spent the largest sum, totalling \$9,280. A. L. Brooks' campaign cost him \$4,979.80, as against \$4,302.61 spent by Senator Overman. Brooks reported \$2,155.02 before the primary and \$2,823.78 after. Overman reported \$2,496.84 before the primary and \$1,805.77 after. Senator Overman received from friends \$970.36, while Brooks received no contributions. Among those contributing to Overman's campaign were: George McCorkle, \$50; T. L. Caudle, \$25; W. A. Erwin, \$250; D. N. Chadwick, Jr., \$100; William Staley Cheatham, \$5 and Thos A. Jones collected from personal friends, \$215.36.

The next highest cost was in the second district, where Representative Brinson defeated C. L. Abernethy for renomination. Abernethy reported before the primary \$2,167.50, and after, \$912 a total of \$3,079.50. Brinson reported \$1,220 before and \$1,822.95 after, a total of \$3,042.95.

In the ninth district the expenditures were: A. L. Quikel \$552.90; A. L. Bulwinkle, \$931.45; J. M. Peterson, \$118.30; W. B. Council \$2,590.49.

In the first district, H. S. Ward, who defeated Representative Small for nomination spent a total of \$1,645.69. No report is shown for Mr. Small.

Claude Kitchin expended nothing. Neither did Representatives Pou, Doughton, Stedman and Weaver. Wm. D. Merritt Stedman's opponent, expended nothing.

In the sixth district, where a new primary must be held, Representative H. L. Godwin shows a total expenditure of \$548.18 and Homer L. Lyon, \$837.62.

In the seventh the following amounts were spent; Walter E. Brock, \$2,465.68; Wm. C. Hammer, \$1,097.83; J. C. M. Vann, \$1,219.60; Wm. H. Cox, \$137.

In the eighth district, J. I. Campbell, running against Doughton, spent \$18.

Rev. Harold K. Cornish arrived Monday from St. Louis, Mo., and spent several days in Wilkesboro with Dr. and Mrs. J. W. White before going to Jefferson to attend the Methodist Conference of the North Wilkesboro District. Upon his return from Jefferson he will go to Roaring River to conduct a revival meeting. It is understood that this meeting will begin Wednesday of next week instead of the second Sunday in July as announced in a recent issue of this paper, the opening date having been changed by agreement. After finishing his work at Roaring River Rev. Cornish will conduct a union camp-meeting at Millers Creek. Mr. Jesse Cary accompanied Rev. Cornish on the trip here.

SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

Raleigh, June 30.—The special session of the North Carolina Legislature will be called by Governor Bickett to meet either in the last week of July or the first week in August, in the opinion of those best posted. The exact date, of course, will not be known until the Governor issues the call.

\$100 CASH PRIZE AND 100 PRIZE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR POLITICAL ARTICLES BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Carter's Weekly offers the above inducements for the public-minded youth of North Carolina to take a hand in the approaching national and state campaigns. Every article accepted for publication will receive the prize of a year's subscription to the paper. Immediately after the election the Governor of North Carolina will be asked to name three competent judges upon whose award a further prize of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH will be paid for the article exhibiting the highest excellence.

Choose your own subject, of either national or state interest. Write on one side of paper only. Articles must not exceed 500 words in length. Address State Bureau, Carter's Weekly, Raleigh, N. C.

IMPORTANT LETTERS ABOUT ROAD PROBLEMS

WILL INSCORE TAKEN TO RALEIGH TO SERVE TIME

Sheriff W. D. Woodruff returned Monday from Raleigh, where he placed in custody of State prison authorities Will Inscore, of Antioch township who was sentenced at the March term of Wilkes Superior court to serve four years in the State penitentiary for the murder of John Souther, his father-in-law, and Shine Morrison, a colored man. It will be recalled by our readers that Inscore was granted a respite by Governor Bickett until June 26th immediately following the pronouncement of sentence and on the above named date he presented himself to local officer to be taken to Raleigh to serve his time.

KINSTON IS TO RAISE MILLION FOR SCHOOLS

Special to The Observer.

Kinston, June 29.—This city is now deliberating over the biggest community financial undertaking ever proposed to it, the raising of nearly a million dollars for school purposes. The project having been given the approval of a mass meeting, it will now go before the voters. The election for a bond issue will be held shortly.

Lyndon two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Baker, who live on the W. T. Pennell farm west of the Wilkesboro, died last Friday morning following a brief illness. Funeral and burial services were conducted Saturday morning at Bethel church in Alexander County by Rev. Floyd Barnes.

On next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock there will be no preaching at the Methodist church in North Wilkesboro as the morning services will be given over to the exercises of 'Sunday-school Day'. Prominent speakers from out of town are expected and the public is most heartily invited to this service.

Floyd Taylor Breaks Ankle.

Mr. Floyd Taylor, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor, suffered the misfortune of breaking his right ankle bone Monday morning. He and Tom McNeill were running in the same direction near the plant of the Home Chair company, when, in some way, young Taylor lost his balance and fell on his ankle. Late reports state that he is resting very well and that the accident will not cause permanent injury.

BOYLE-CAUDILL.

The following announcement will be read with interest by many of our readers:

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Boyle announce the marriage of their daughter, Rachel, to Mr. Osco Vere Caudill on Thursday, the twenty-fourth of June, nineteen hundred and twenty, Gill, Massachusetts. At Home Seven Mile Ford, Virginia.

The bride is a graduate of the Moody School for Girls, Boston, Mass., and is also an accomplished musician. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Caudill, of this place. He is a graduate of the Chicago Bible Institute, and holds a position as field worker of the American Sunday-school Union.

BANKS TO BE CLOSED JULY 5TH.

Owing to the fact that the Fourth of July comes on Sunday this year we have been authorized to state that the banks in this city will be closed on Monday, July 5th, and no business will be transacted on that date.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

The July examination of applicants for Teachers, Certificates will be held in the Court house at Wilkesboro on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 13th and 14th commencing at 10 A. M. on Tuesday.

This examination is for County and State Certificates, Provisional, Elementary, Primary, Grammar Grade, High School, Supervisor Reading Circle etc.

There will be an examination held at the Summer School at Mountain View the same week at which applicants may take the work for the same certificates.

C. C. WRIGHT
County Supt. Schools.
Hunting Creek, N. C.
June 26, 1920.

Post L., T. P. A. Committee Wishes To Know If Maintenance Funds Are Properly Expended.

North Wilkesboro, N. C. May 22, 1920.
To the Good Roads Commission of Wilkes County:

At the Annual Meeting of the Post L. Traveller's Protective Association, we were appointed as a Committee to make an investigation to see whether the maintenance fund for the upkeep of the public road system in Wilkes County was being properly expended in accordance with the laws heretofore enacted.

We understand that the law of 1915, and amended by the law of 1919, provides that the County Commissioners shall make a levy each year sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds; provide an adequate sinking fund, to pay off the bonds at maturity, and also provides for a maintenance fund sufficient to keep up the road system in Wilkes County and that said fund shall be turned over by the County Commissioners to the Good Road Commission each year. The law further provides that said Commission shall keep a separate account of the maintenance fund and the same shall be used in altering, if necessary, or otherwise repairing and maintaining the public roads of Wilkes County.

The Good Roads Law for Wilkes County 1919, provides that the Good Roads Commission shall keep a full and complete record of the moneys received and disbursed by them or under their supervision and shall keep separate accounts of the moneys disbursed on each project and shall publish a sworn, itemized statement of the funds so expended by them on each separate project, to whom and for what purpose, and also for the number of miles constructed and the cost per mile thereof, and for all other purposes, every month in some newspaper published in Wilkes County. It further says that said Commission shall keep a separate account of the maintenance fund and the same shall be used in repairing and maintaining the roads.

We have been informed that the maintenance fund is being apportioned to each Township on a basis of the taxes derived from each township. If this maintenance fund is being expended in this way, it certainly does not carry out the intention of the law. This section which provides for the maintenance and up-keep of the road system in Wilkes County, clearly states that it is for the up-keep of all the public roads in the County, irrespective of township, boundary line, or the amount of taxes being obtained from each township.

We believe that every public road in the County, improved or unimproved, should be kept in as good passable condition as possible for 365 days in each year. In order to accomplish this, it cannot be done by a system of township supervisors, but must be accomplished by a County wide policy.

That one of the chief conditions, which induced the people of the County to vote the bonds for the completion of a road system, was that the public roads should be kept in a passable condition by the means of funds derived from taxation, and had they known that the public roads would have been neglected in their repair and up-keep as they have been during the past four years, they would not have voted the bonds; that they were assured by every speaker that they would be relieved of working the roads, but this has proven to be untrue for in many sections of the County the citizens have been forced to furnish volunteer road labor in order that the present roads be put in a passable condition.

In our opinion, there are two things that have made the procuring of funds for the building of the road system in Wilkes County unpopular:

First, the failure to publish a monthly statement, showing how the funds were being expended as the law provides;

Second, the failure to maintain the roads, thereby showing the people where their money goes.

We believe in order to meet these objections, that a centralized main- Continued on Page Two)