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TOPICS OF THE WEEK

The Election Outlook—Democratic Prospects Appraised by the Press of the Country.

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No Matter What Happens In November the next President of the United States "will be an Ohio editor who began active life in a printing office, successfully edited and published several small-town newspapers, played an unimportant part in Congress, and never attained to a national reputation until this summer." Moreover, continues the New York Globe (Ind.), "he will be a man of mediocre ability and of unimpeachable party regularity." Neither nomination alarms Wall Street. The Wall Street Journal is glad that no radical was nominated at San Francisco, and the New York Commercial declares that "business will be safe with either." Cox or Harding. The conservative New York Times (Dem.) is glad that the two Ohioans are business men and both without "any radical inclinations." A Socialist paper like the New York Call naturally sees little to choose between the two: "both were reared in the school of orthodox capitalist politics, and it required the skilled brokers of both parties to secure their nominations." The Syracuse Herald (Ind.) sees the opposing candidates "alike as two peas."

"The day of supermen is ended in the Democratic as well as the Republican party," observes the Providence Tribune (Ind.); "from Roosevelt and Wilson we have been dropped to Harding and Cox, two second rate Ohio politicians." Independent newspapers of the liberal type regret with the Rochester Times-Union (Ind.) that "neither candidate nor platform offers much to arouse the enthusiasm of the independent voters to decide the election." The Newark News (Ind.) laments that "in this progressive era the candidates of both great parties should stand out so distinctly as the choice of the bosses." And the New York Evening Post comments as follows on the situation:

"The present political situation is singularly difficult for the independent liberal. Neither the Republican party nor the Democratic has any clear claim to his vote. In both parties the less liberal element has reasserted itself. The Penroses and the Taggart have come to life again and are once more conspicuous figures in their respective party councils. Both camps are putting harmony above everything else. In each there has been a recession from the more inspired idealism of Roosevelt and Wilson. In each the pendulum has swung to the conservative side, thus proclaiming, it may be, the normality of mankind but nevertheless depressing those who hoped for a higher level of thought and feeling after the spiritual quickening of the war. That this condition is permanent we do not believe for a moment. Sooner or later there is bound to be a reaction, a revival in full vigor of the liberal spirit, a resumption of the march. But for the time being we are in a period of political doldrums from which neither of the parties definitely offers to rescue us."

Yet there are independent newspapers which consider the Cox nomination a strong and worthy one. It was the work of "a manifestly unbossed" convention, in the opinion of the Milwaukee Journal (Ind.), which finds the candidate himself far from the old-fashioned political type, and says:

"Governor Cox is the first Presidential nominee to belong to a new political generation. He is the first candidate whose political life has not been concerned with the tariff and the train of similar politics that has figured at least since the middle seventies. As Governor his chief work has been the reorganization of the governmental machinery of Ohio to meet the demands of a new age."

The San Francisco Bulletin (Ind.) waxes enthusiastic in its comment on the choice made by the Democrats in its city:

"Cox is a candidate of Presidential quality, a man of the people, he has risen to his present position by hard work and superior abilities. On the personal side he has the qualities that make for a popular leader and with a popular Democratic platform to stand on he should make a fight that will cause his opponent to strain

every nerve. . . . It may be predicted that the November battle will be one of the keenest in the political history of America."

Another San Francisco paper, The News (Ind.), is even more emphatic in its approval:

"Cox will be an effective leader of the masses of Americans who have no use for Wall Street dictation in political affairs; who can not stomach the Penrose, Smoot, Lodge combine of Senators; who do not want a colorless and flaccid Harding as President of the United States in the next four years. Cox will carry California. He will carry his own home State. His chance for election is better than that of any other Democrat who could have been named."

The Springfield Republican, an independent journal which has generally supported Wilson, spoke highly of Cox before he was nominated. But after his nomination, on the forty-fourth ballot, after many conferences in which leaders like Murphy of New York and Taggart of Indiana, were conspicuous, the Republican's enthusiasm was somewhat dampened. As it says:

"Governor Cox emerges from the San Francisco convention as its nominee in some degree less attractive than he entered it as a candidate. His record as Governor of Ohio appears that of a liberal, forward-looking executive; it had and it will still have a large measure of appeal to the independent, liberal voter. But the fact that he was supported throughout by Tammany, and that without that support he could not have been nominated, can not be ignored. "This nomination of Cox spells for Harding an unexpected opportunity. In view of the circumstances under which Cox was selected it might be possible for Harding, by taking a progressive and forward-looking stand—if the capacity is in him—to split the independent, liberal vote and to win a larger portion of it than has seemed within his reach."

An important element in the campaign is the attitude of labor. While official statements are yet to come, Mr. Gompers has called Cox "the best solution," and in a dispatch to the New York World from San Francisco, Mr. John J. Leary, Jr., sets forth several reasons for considering the nomination of Cox eminently satisfactory to organized labor:

"1. Cox has always been rated as friendly to organized labor. Within the month the convention of the America Federation of Labor in Montreal went on record as recommending to other commonwealths the Ohio Workmen's Compensation Insurance Fund Law, commonly known as the Cox law.

"2. His nomination means the passing of Burleson, arch-enemy of organized labor, no matter what the result in November. If Cox wins he is as certain to go as if Harding wins.

"3. The defeat of A. Mitchel Palmer, who enraged labor by his use of the injunction process against the soft-coal miners last winter.

"4. The fact that Cox was at all times opposed by Governor John J. Cornwell, of West Virginia, and others from Southern State rated as reactionaries.

"5. The fact that Cox is sufficiently progressive to cut the ground from under those who are advocating an independent labor party.

"6. The nomination is regarded as curing such defects as may exist in the platform."

The Democratic press in general is enthusiastic over the choice of the San Francisco convention. Its comment may well be introduced by the congratulations offered to the Governor by his own paper, the Dayton News:

"We want to congratulate the 'Chief,' because we believe he deserved to win. It was written in the stars that this greatest honor should come to him. His record as Governor of Ohio, as representative from the historic Third Ohio District, and as private citizen in Dayton is brilliant. No man who endeavors first to be of service to his fellows can be denied a place in the world. The universe admires a man who sticks everlastingly at it until the principles he favors are triumphant."

Another Ohio daily, the Cleveland

BAPTIST MOBILE SCHOOL IN SESSION HERE THIS WEEK

One of the twenty-eight Baptist Mobile Schools being held simultaneously in this State, is in session at the First Baptist church this week. The school is fostered by the State Mission Board. Two sessions are being held in the day, morning and afternoon, and Dr. J. J. Taylor, of Leaksville, N. C., has been preaching thoughtful sermons each evening, the service beginning at 8 o'clock. Interesting courses along church work are being taught, and literature containing interesting facts is being distributed. No out-of-town delegates are in attendance. However, the school is doing much good and interest in it is not lacking. The school will close with this evening's service.

Following is the faculty: Rev. W. C. Baucum, of Elkin, dean; Dr. J. J. Taylor, of Leaksville, N. C., has been conducting the religious services; Rev. A. C. Hamby, of Winston-Salem, teacher of book on Church Membership; Rev. I. L. Bennett, of Spray, teacher of Book of Acts; Rev. E. E. White, of Nashville, N. C., business side of the church—finance; and Rev. W. C. Baucum, teacher of book on Winning to Christ; Mrs. T. B. Henry, of Wadesboro, giving training on W. M. U. work.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. IS SHAKEN BY EARTH SHOCKS

Los Angeles, Calif., July 16.—Four severe earthquakes here today threw the city and its suburbs into excitement indirectly caused a number of injuries to men, women and children and slightly damaged several buildings, chiefly old ones, but none to a great extent.

To profiteer is human, to catch them would be divine.—Salt Lake Herald.

Plain Dealer (Dem.), believes that the Governor's victory in the convention "reflects nothing but the delegates' conviction that he was the one best qualified to meet Warren G. Harding in the campaign and to beat him." Cox, agrees the Memphis Press, is his party's "strongest vote-getter." He is "the strongest candidate practically available" in the opinion of the New Orleans Times-Picayune. The Raleigh News and Observer explains that in order to hold the important State of Ohio, "Harding's nomination made Cox's nomination a necessity." Besides, continues the editor of this North Carolina newspaper, owned by Secretary Daniels:

"The Democrats, to win the election, should be able to carry New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, where Cox is stronger than any other candidate the Democrats could have named. Another important factor is that Cox's nomination removes the foundation for any possible allegation that the President or his Administration dictated the candidate. But Cox the man was the greatest factor in his naming. He began life as a newspaper man and has three times been elected Governor of Ohio. No Governor in the forty-eight States has to his credit such an amazing number of important reforms accomplished. During the war he was one of the greatest State pillars, and Washington looked to him and listened to him with an attention which it gave to no other Governor. He kept his State warm and at work in the coal strike while other States around it were idle and freezing. If elected President he will be one of the greatest administrators who has ever held the office."

It seems to the Nashville Tennessean (Dem.) that Cox will appeal to all elements in American life. That is, in the words of the Richmond News-Leader, "he will appeal to labor without affrighting capital, and he will support a courageous and national policy without making that the exclusive issue. With the solid South behind him and with good prospects of gaining Ohio's twenty-four votes, he can be elected and he can carry in addition New York and New Jersey and get twenty-five scattered votes." The Omaha World-Herald praises Cox as a progressive and liberal executive. He will win, the Hartford Times believes, "because the country wanted the Cox type of man for its President, and not the Hanna type." The Philadelphia Record (Dem.) considers Governor Cox "splendidly equipped and trained to

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CHAP H. PARDUE KILLS HIS NEIGHBOR, J. HORT ELLER

Tragedy Occurred At Pardue Home Early Sunday Morning. Shot Gun Is Weapon Used.

One of the best and most highly respected communities in the county was the scene of a sad and deplorable tragedy Sunday when Mr. Chas. H. Pardue shot Mr. J. Hort Eller, a near neighbor and close friend for eleven years, at his home on Roaring River Route 2 in Antioch township and about 14 miles from this place, the entire load entering Mr. Eller's abdomen, his death occurring at 12:30 Sunday afternoon as a result of injuries previously sustained. The homicide was instigated by alleged family troubles.

Details of the Tragedy.

The account of the homicide as obtained by this paper is as follows: For sometime Mr. Eller had been entertaining an idea of moving from his home in Antioch township and he spent several days in Ashe and Alleghany counties last week with a view of purchasing a farm in one of those counties. He returned home Friday and upon his arrival learned that one of his daughters had left home. He became angry upon hearing the story, and early Saturday night he met Sam Pardue, aged 27, at Brier Creek church, and ran him home, Pardue riding his mule, and Mr. Eller riding his horse. Pardue's mount proved the swifter and he reached home in safety. Several hours after this occurrence, (about 12 o'clock to be exact), Mr. Eller came to the home of Chap Pardue in an unsober state of mind and armed with his single barrel shot-gun, No. 12 gauge. He called to Mr. Pardue and told him to tell Sam to come out of the house. Mr. Pardue got up and told him that Sam was upstairs in bed and that he did not wish to bother him as he was sleeping. Mr. Eller answered that he was determined to see him if he did not get him out of the house in one minute he would kill all of them. Mr. Pardue then answered that he did not want Sam to come downstairs because he did not want any trouble, and Mrs. Pardue closed the door. Mr. Eller then blazed away with his shot-gun, the load entering the middle of the front door, and barely missing both Mr. and Mrs. Pardue, who were standing near the wall on each side of the door. Mr. Pardue then reached for his shot-gun and opened the door and fired, the entire load entering Mr. Eller's abdomen. After receiving this wound Mr. Eller again fired, the load going through the wall and striking the foot of the bed. He then fell near the porch, calling for Mr. Pardue to come to him as he did so. Mr. Pardue stated that he did not answer this call because he would probably be killed. After the shooting Mr. and Mrs. Pardue left their home and went to the home of their son, Mr. J. S. Pardue, who lives near them. They told him what had occurred and he, in company with his neighbors, Messrs. Eli Johnson, W. A. Douthit, W. A. Bentley, and son, Dean, went to the Pardue home to look after Mr. Eller. Dr. Choate, of Ronda, and Dr. Turner, of this place, reached the wounded man about three o'clock in the morning, but they were powerless to save him, and he was later carried to his home about one-half mile distant. Death occurred at 12:30 p. m. Sunday.

Sheriff Woodruff and Deputy Sheriff Bumgarner Visit Scene.

Sheriff W. D. Woodruff and Deputy Sheriff J. M. Bumgarner went to the homes of both Mr. Eller and Mr. Pardue, Sunday afternoon. There were no conflicting stories about the shooting and a coroner's inquest was deemed unnecessary. The officers found Mr. Pardue at his home. Papers were secured there and a warrant was drawn up and he was arrested. Bond in the sum of \$10,000 was allowed for his appearance at a preliminary hearing to be conducted in Wilkesboro this morning at 10 o'clock before J. E. Winkler, J. P.

Mr. Eller is survived by his mother, an aged lady, and his wife, and the following 12 children: Mrs. Fletcher Pardue, of Roaring River Route 2; Mrs. Coy Seagraves, of Ashe county; Mrs. Byrd Simpson, of Surry county; Mr. Frank Eller, of Clingman post-office; Misses Lou, Mary, Stella, Violet, Maude, and Blanche Eller, and John and James Eller. One child is dead. The funeral and burial services were conducted Monday at Brier Creek church by Rev. N. T. Jarvis, after which the body was interred in the church cemetery.

CHUSHER HERE FOR WILKESBORO CONCRETE ROAD WORK

Concrete street work will begin in Wilkesboro at an early date. A new rock crusher arrived Monday and was unloaded Wednesday and taken to the rock bluff at Curtis bridge west of the town to be used in crushing rock from the big bluff there. A quantity of cement has already been received but not enough to complete the job. However, as soon as preparatory arrangements are made, actual work will begin. The placing of concrete will begin at the intersection of the Boone Trail Highway, and the main street in Wilkesboro, thereby connecting with the concrete that has been placed to the Yadkin river bridge. Mr. Charles Pearson, who has the contract to do the work, stated Tuesday that he would finish his task within ninety days providing weather conditions permit, and the work is not held up for lack of material.

CHRISTENSEN IS HEAD OF TICKET OF THIRD PARTY

Chicago, July 15.—Member of the committee of 48 who yesterday bolted the fusion movement of the farmer-labor party, tonight after a day of futile wrangling, adjourned with no arrangements made to put a separate presidential ticket in the field.

Parley F. Christensen, of Salt Lake City, presidential nominee of the farmer-labor party threw the dying 48 convention into an uproar by sending it a message characterizing its action as "foolish."

Mr. A. J. Pendley was taken to Greensboro this morning where he will undergo an operation for appendicitis at St. Leo's hospital.

MILLERS CREEK ARBOR MEETING

The arbor meeting at Millers Creek is starting off in good shape and the crowds are growing rapidly every day. The arbor is beautifully located on the school house grounds and arrangements have been made to have it lighted by electricity. Rev. Harold K. Cornish, the evangelist, is on the grounds, and has preached two nights to good audiences.

Everything points to a great campaign and with the hearty cooperation of the pastors, Brothers O. D. Stacey and Brother Bumgarner and their loyal people, we are sure of a great time at Millers Creek.

The daily program consists of morning prayer meetings. At 3:00 p. m. Brother Cornish will give a series of most helpful and instructive Bible studies on the fundamentals of the Christian Religion.

At 8:00 p. m. the services will be evangelistic in character.

A fine choir is being organized and we expect to have some fine music.

On each Sunday there will be a basket dinner on the ground and an all-day meeting. The public for many miles around is arranging to be present, according to reports.—Reported.

WILKES COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE MOVING PICTURES.

A Community meeting at which moving pictures will be shown will be held at the following times and places:

Wilkesboro—July 26th, Monday.

Moravian Falls—July 27th, Tuesday

Roaring River—July 28th, Wednesday.

Mountain Crest—July 29th, Thursday.

Edgewood—July 30th, Friday.

Wilkesboro Colored—July 31st, Saturday.

The program will begin promptly at 8 o'clock P. M.

An entire change of program is made for each return engagement.

An admission fee of ten cents is charged for all over six years of age.

The program includes a "Mutt and Jeff" and a "Mary McAllister."

C. C. WRIGHT, Supt. MISS MARGARET WRIGHT, Director.

REVIVAL AT BAPTIST CHURCH EARLY IN MONTH OF OCTOBER

Dr. Luther Little, a prominent Baptist minister of Charlotte, and Mr. Furman Betts, a noted singing evangelist, of Charlotte, have been secured to conduct a revival meeting at the First Baptist church, of this place, and the meeting will begin after the first Sunday in October. Later announcements will be made.

WILKES REPUBLICANS HELD A GREAT LOVE-FEAST MONDAY

Harmony Feature Of The Convention. Only Two Ballots Taken In Election of Entire County Ticket.

Monday was Republican day in Wilkesboro, that day marking an event of more than passing importance, for the Republican County Convention was held in the spacious courtroom, the building being filled to capacity. Stalwart and "true blue" Republicans from each of the twenty-one townships in Wilkes county, from Edwards with her 16 votes to Stanton with 2, from Union and Jobs Cabin to Somers and Newcastle, and from Trap Hill to Brushy Mountain, large delegations were present to cast their respective voting strength for candidates whose names went before the party in Saturday's primary as well as those who were named on the convention floor and to witness a love-feast and the burying of all party grievances. The convention was called to nominate county officers, a representative to the Legislature, and to transact any other business that might be brought to its attention.

Punctually at one o'clock, Chairman John R. Jones threw down his gravel and called the convention to order. He then proceeded to aid in the seating of delegates, making arrangements so that each delegation might sit in a body, thus assuring a smooth working convention.

Delivers Keynote Speech

Chairman John R. Jones, who has served his party during the past four years as chairman of the county executive committee and who was re-named for another term, delivered the convention's keynote speech. The speaker stated that it was source of much pleasure to see so many Republicans in attendance, and to view such a harmonious gathering. Mr. Jones did not fail to again refresh the minds of his hearers in regard to the alleged theft of Wilkes County soldier boys' votes last election while these boys were in training in various cantonments and many of them in France fighting the Huns. He recalled that a resolution was passed by the Democrats recently in convention assembled, which embraced the statement that the votes were not stolen by Democratic leaders but by antagonistic Republicans. Mr. Jones stated that this was a "consummated lie." The speaker continued by pleading for all Republicans to stand together and make the Democratic party realize that they cannot steal votes and get away with it. Continuing, the speaker stated that the Revaluation Act was the greatest injustice that had ever been perpetrated and that he wanted a fair and impartial system of taxation. "If the Democrats don't repeal the law they are beaten this fall," Mr. Jones continued. His speech was concluded by calling the convention's attention to the conspicuous pictures of Senator Harding and Governor Coolidge, the next president and vice president of the United States, Mr. Jones said. He also asked that the convention accomplish its work peacefully.

Delegates Hand In Credentials

The chairman next called John H. Joines and Granville Billings to act as temporary secretaries while Secretary J. C. Wallace called the roll of townships to obtain credentials and township organizations.

Henry Reynolds Made Temporary Chairman.

The chairman next called Henry Reynolds to the chair to act as temporary chairman. John H. Joines, J. M. Prevette and C. C. Foster were named as temporary secretaries. This organization was made permanent and the convention made preparations to transact business.

Resolution Read.

"We, the Republicans of Wilkes, in Convention assembled rejoice at the opportunity that now offers itself, both in the State and in the Nation, to return to the rule of the Republican Party.

We heartily condemn the extravagance, mismanagement and governmental inefficiency, which has been apparent, even rampant, at every turn, during the present Democratic Administration in State and Nation.

We condemn the New Tax Revaluation Act imposed upon the people of North Carolina by the Democratic Party, and for the extravagant and unjust manner in which it has been executed.

To correct these and other abuses

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