

Powell Nominated to Succeed Himself

Surprise Sprung on the Convention—Stronach Delegates Vote Almost Solidly for the Present Incumbent for Mayor of Raleigh

The city Democratic convention to choose a candidate for mayor, held last night, was full of ginger from the start. The time was expected and the Metropolitan hall was packed on the evening of Sunday morning. The facts which tended to reveal the intention of the Wynne-Powell delegation stirred the city from end to end and the people were anxious to see the result.

A motion was made to appoint a committee on credentials as several motions of contest were given. Against the motion the Wynne-Powell delegates voted solidly and defeated it. They then voted together to seat all the delegates named by the candidates and adopted it. A resolution was then offered to submit the question of choosing a candidate for mayor to another primary. It was stated that Mr. J. S. Wynne had agreed that the plan would be fair. His delegates, however, voted against it. They seemingly were sure of victory for their candidate at the convention and would not hear of their primary.

When the roll call was ordered for a vote for mayor the first man called was Mr. Armistead Jones, a Stronach delegate who announced that in the interest of Democratic harmony he would cast his vote for Hon. A. M. Powell, the present incumbent. This was greeted by applause from the Powell delegates which grew in volume and enthusiasm as each Stronach delegate voted for Powell. All save two voted for him. His nomination was soon a foregone conclusion. It was a great surprise to Mr. Wynne's delegates. A Stronach delegate who voted for Mr. Powell stated after the convention that the Wynne delegation would not agree to another primary after it was stated that Mr. Wynne himself was agreeable to it, and in addition they seemed willing to give rough shod over the Democratic plan of organization. He was opposed to such methods and decided to do all he could to defeat them.

The convention was called to order at 8:30 last night by the chairman of the Democratic committee, Mr. Ed. Chambers Smith was asked to act as temporary chairman and Mr. E. A. Womble to act as secretary.

Mr. Smith stated the convention was here for business and not for speech making and declared the convention ready for business. He asked that the delegates present send up their credentials.

Mr. J. E. Ellington moved that the list of delegates as appointed by the candidates be read.

Mr. F. R. Arendell said it was understood that there were several contests and asked to be allowed to introduce a resolution, which if adopted he thought would facilitate matters and aid in the smoothness of the business of the convention.

The chairman ruled that as the convention was not yet organized he would not introduce the resolution until after the reading of the list of delegates at this time.

The delegates were read and Mr. J. E. Ellington moved that the list as read be adopted. Mr. Armistead Jones moved to amend that a committee on credentials be appointed consisting of delegates from each division.

Mr. Ellington said if he saw any reason for a committee on credentials he would not oppose it, but that it would be a very valuable time.

Mr. Arendell said it was absolutely necessary to have a committee on credentials. In some cases two sets have been appointed. They are here contesting for seats. We are here as Democrats, and we must abide and stand by our party organization. We are in the name of Democracy and can not throw away then read the plan of organization which applies in this case. It is absolutely clear that the duty of the delegates was to attend to the matter of appointing delegates in the precincts. That was done in most

cases and at least one of the candidates comes here tonight with an entirely different list of delegates. We can not afford to do anything wrong here.

Mr. Ellington wanted to know if any of the candidates had certified a list of delegates.

Mr. Jones replied that the candidates had nothing to do with naming and certifying delegates, that it was the duty of the primary and the precinct meeting. He read the plan of organization again and stated that it was so.

Mr. J. N. Holding cited the general law statutes and made the point that delegates could not be appointed after the primaries were over.

Mr. Ellington raised the issue that if the delegates were not properly appointed and in time then we are not here as a legal convention.

Mr. A. A. Thompson said Mr. Jones' contention was entirely untenable as Mr. Ellington has shown that none of the candidates had complied with what he said in his argument was necessary.

He took the position that there were no contests here. Mr. Arthur asked Mr. Thompson which he considered the proper list the first one sent in or the last one. Mr. Thompson replied that only one list had been certified to the chairman of the executive committee.

Mr. J. N. Holding said we had often heard men stand here in conventions and clamor for sticking to the letter of the law. I am a stickler here now for the letter of the law.

Mr. E. L. Harris asked if the city executive committee had any right to lay down plans and require that they be followed.

Mr. Holding replied that it most assuredly had that right. Delegates to any convention must be duly accredited and authorized by the people. The plans you are trying to carry out here tonight cannot be carried out without injury to our party. The delegates not appointed last Friday night are not properly accredited delegates to this convention.

There were cries of "set down," "set down," to which Mr. Holding replied that he had not asked anybody to set him or get ready. He urged the convention.

Mr. W. B. Snow announced that the delegates first announced from the first division of the third ward, Messrs. Nick DeBoy and Hubert Belvin, were present and would contest for their right to sit as delegates.

Mr. W. B. Jones said he desired to give notice that he would contest his right to sit here as a Badger delegate.

Mr. F. W. Habel was speaking when Col. Saunders made the point that Mr. Habel was not a delegate. The chair sustained the point, and Mr. Habel sat down.

Mr. E. C. Beckwith said there was no use of a committee on credentials, that this convention was now in possession of all the facts and in position to act intelligently. There is nothing to be gained by wrangling here all night.

Mr. F. B. Arendell rose to speak and there was much confusion and cries of "set down." Mr. Arendell took it good naturedly and when quiet was restored he began to speak. Mr. Beck with has said that we are the judge and jury. We are not, but behind us are the judge and the jury. The people are the judge and the people are the jury. Are we here to take the matter in our own hands regardless of fairness and justice.

"Yes," cried a number of voices. Then I am not, said Mr. Arendell. We are in danger when we attempt to trample on the rights and wishes of the people.

Mr. Ellington's motion that the lists as read be adopted, was called up to be voted on.

Mr. Arendell wanted to know who had a right to vote.

The chairman ruled that no delegate from a contested precinct would be entitled to vote on the question of credentials.

Mr. Holding stated that until a credential committee had acted no one knew, not even the chairman, who had a right to vote and whose seats were not contested.

The chairman adhered to his ruling that all delegates whose seats are not contested are not allowed to vote.

Mr. Holding gave notice that Mr. Will Woods and R. T. Hornbuckle were here contesting for their seats in the second division of the third ward.

Mr. Beckwith wanted to know if Mr. Hornbuckle was in the house. Mr.

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Holding said he didn't know, but if he wasn't present no one could represent him.

The vote was then taken on Mr. Jones' substitute that a committee on credentials be appointed. The motion was lost by a vote of 23 ayes and 32 noes. Mr. Ellington's motion that the delegates as read be accepted as duly accredited members of this convention. The Stronach delegates and the uncontested Badger delegates voted for the committee on credentials and the Powell and Wynne forces voted against it.

Mr. Snow, Nick DeBoy and Hubert Belvin will contest for their seats, W. B. Jones, Will Woods and R. T. Hornbuckle, also gave notice of contest.

Mr. Jones said that as Mr. Powell received only 80 votes in the first division of the first ward he was only entitled to three votes there.

Controversy arose over the matter and Mr. Russ stated that the number of delegates were exactly the number allowed them by the number of votes cast, the seemingly larger number came about through the fractions.

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